

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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Director,
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Dear Sir:

RE: **UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,**
Edward G. Bremer (Victim),
KIDNAPING,
Chicago File #7-82.

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With reference to your telegram of February 3, 1934, quoting a telegram received from Henry Borr, in which it is suggested that search be made of house number 385 Southwest Ward Eight, Kenosha, Wisconsin, for Edward G. Bremer, please be advised that the following investigation was conducted.

Telephonic communication was had with the Post Office at Kenosha, Wisconsin, in an effort to determine if there were any streets in that town bearing names similar to those mentioned in the telegram, but no satisfactory information could be obtained, the only advice received being that there was at one time a West Street at that place but the name has since been changed.

Telephonic communication was had with the Division in order to ascertain the name of the place from where the telegram in question was sent and it was learned that this wire originated from Zeeland, Michigan, and that the figures appearing at the top of this wire were CC834-22, Government Collect, Zeeland, Michigan, 3-310 P.

Through the Western Union Telegraph Company at Chicago, an effort was made to communicate with the telegraph operator at Zeeland, Michigan. However, the telegraph company advised that it could not itself communicate with the operator at that hour and it was deemed advisable for this office to communicate directly with the operator.

Special Agents W. C. Jamison and J. J. Metcalfe proceeded to Zeeland, Michigan, arriving there on the early morning of February 4,

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1934, where they interviewed [redacted] who informed them that a Henry Borr resided at Zeeland and that he had been there for four or five years. [redacted] expressed the belief that Mr. Borr was a respectable citizen, and although unemployed at the present time, was a family man who lived a good life and appeared to be intelligent and rational. Claver said that the parents of Borr originally resided in Zeeland, Michigan, but moved to Pollock, South Dakota, and that subsequently they returned to Zeeland to reside. He said that he knew of no unusual or extended trips taken by Henry Borr and that he believed he had always been at Zeeland during the time of his residence there. No suspicious circumstances of any kind were attached to the conduct of Henry Borr, nor anything that would indicate an association with criminals. [redacted] was informed by Agents Jamison and Metcalfe that the purpose of the interview was to determine the reliability of Henry Borr as a source of information in view of the fact that he had furnished certain information pertaining to a matter of importance to the Division. In this connection Mr. Claver was unable to furnish any information except to say that at one time recently he had observed Henry Borr viewing the wanted notices and criminal circulars in the Post Office at Zeeland, and Borr remarked to a person standing next to him, "That is one of the fellows we want". [redacted] was unable to say who the person was that was standing next to Borr at the time.

Interview was had with [redacted] who delivers mail to the Borr family. [redacted] verified the information already obtained from the Postmaster to the effect that the Borr family had at one time resided in South Dakota and that they had been living in Zeeland for the past few years. [redacted] stated that Henry Borr had not, to his knowledge, taken any trips of an unusual or extended nature, except that he went to South Dakota about a year ago, more or less, to attend the funeral of some relative. [redacted] was unable to state the source of the mail which has been delivered during the past to the Borr family. He said that Borr was a good churchman and was well liked in town and that he believed him to be an intelligent and sensible person. He also stated that he felt that Henry Borr was reliable as a source of information.

Agents Jamison and Metcalfe then interviewed Mr. Henry Borr at his residence in Zeeland and were advised by him that the information set forth in his telegram to the Division was the best information he was able to furnish. He was asked to relate the source of his information or the manner in which he had arrived at this information and he began by stating that this information had been arrived at by his partner, Mr. Peter J. Zalsman, a bricklayer residing at 14 W. 14th Street, Holland,

Michigan, and by himself through their concentrated efforts of reading, thinking, and meditation. Mr. Borr was reluctant to expose the details of his investigative activity, saying that it would be difficult for anyone to try to understand the unique methods which he and Zalsman had employed in the solution of crimes. He said that in their efforts to solve crimes they did not communicate with anyone else in any manner, nor did they go to any other place than Zeeland, and that in fact their entire work was performed in the residence of Henry Borr. He was asked if their conclusions were arrived at through psychological methods and he stated that they were not. Further questioning determined that Henry Borr and Zalsman relied principally upon divine inspiration for the source of their information. Henry Borr admitted that such divine inspiration was not something that could be acquired but had to be a gift from above. He said that he had never related this method of divine inspiration to law enforcement officials, the clergyman at his church where he attended services, or even to members of his own and immediate family as none of these persons would be able to understand this situation. He stated that he felt that it was his duty to impart his divinely acquired information and the nature of his divine inspirations to the Government and that was why he was willing to make these revelations to the agents who interviewed him.

During this interview Agent Jamison left the room and interviewed Mrs. Henry Borr in an effort to determine whether Henry Borr was entirely sound of mind. He was informed by Mrs. Borr that Mr. Borr had been interested in detection of crimes for more than a year, and she complained that in several of the crimes he had solved he had been unable to collect the awards from police officials. Mrs. Borr appeared to be convinced of her husband's detective ability but stated that she knew nothing about the methods he pursued in his work.

In this connection it may be also noted that Henry Borr stated that he and his partner had solved numerous crimes by furnishing the necessary information to various law enforcement officials, which information was directly instrumental in the apprehension of criminals but in no instance did he or his partner receive the awards which were justly due them. He said that he had known his partner for a period of approximately two years, having become acquainted with him when Zalsman called at his home after Zalsman had advertised for a water finder and Borr had responded to the advertisement. When they met, Zalsman informed Borr that he did not want a water finder but that he wanted a man for another purpose and began to subject Borr to various tests and trials which were successfully met by Borr, with the result that Borr was taken into Zalsman's confidence and the work of divine inspirations and revelations began.

Mr. Borr was specifically questioned as to how he arrived at the location 385 Southwest Ward Eight, Kenosha, Wisconsin. He denied that he had any maps of Kenosha or that he or Zalsman had ever been in Kenosha or had been in communication with anyone in Kenosha. He produced an atlas of the United States containing a map of Wisconsin and stated these were the only maps he and his partner used in their work. A number of papers were contained in the atlas, one of which was given to Agent Metcalfe by Henry Borr which is quoted herewith in order to indicate the mental state of Borr.

"Heavenly Father

Is it your Mags' desire that Borr and Zalsman go to Arizona to mine gold in Yavapai County go to City of Juniper and wash gold on the W branch of Walnut Creek

Has your desire been changed to give findings in our work" b7c

It being determined that Henry Borr was evidently [REDACTED] he was thoroughly advised not to forward any further communications to the Division that might be based upon divine inspirations or revelations, and that he was to inform his partner, Mr. Zalsman, to the same effect.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

JJM:GVT

cc: St. Paul.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Clegg I called Chicago and Detroit yesterday to determine what progress is being made toward the location of the original getaway road charts found after the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, in September, 1932. These charts as you know are desired at the laboratory to make typewriting comparisons with the Bremer notes.

Mr. Larson subsequently called me back and stated that he had just been informed by Agent Donaldson at East Lansing, Michigan, that the original charts together with some machine gun bullets were in the possession of [redacted] formerly in the employ of the [redacted] that [redacted] had been found to be crooked and had been fired by [redacted] and had taken all the original evidence in the Holland Case with him. [redacted] has previously been reported by the Chicago Office to be located in Chicago and, accordingly, I asked Mr. Larson to call Chicago and give them the information immediately in order that they might follow up on [redacted]. Larson also stated, however, that the East Lansing authorities had two negatives taken of two sheets of the road chart and that the State Police were mailing these directly to the Division by air mail yesterday.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey.

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Mr. J. Keenan:
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Would suggest that you work on
the Bremer case as the marking
being a signature. I think it is
reasonable to assume the name is
Altwater.

Hope this may help you,

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sirs:

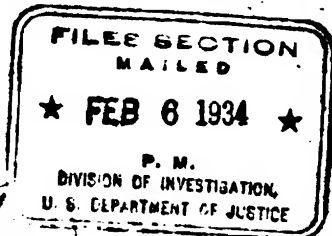
Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

For your information there is enclosed herewith
a photostatic copy of an undated anonymous letter addressed
to Mr. Joseph B. Keenan.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 681699.



CAA: ON

February 6, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

Please obtain and forward for comparison in the case
of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., the Bremer Case, and such other
cases as may appear advisable, specimens of the normal handwriting
of Verne Ransby, his wife, Vera May Ransby, and Gordon Allyn.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Los Angeles, California.**

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REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-5-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/20 & 31/34	REPORT MADE BY S. B. Taylor
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

1931 Lincoln Sedan, Motor No. 64496, 1935 Illinois license No. 1257414, left at Phoenix Motor Company, Phoenix, Arizona, about December 20, 1933, by owner, Anthony M. Iorrii, was removed from the Motor Company about January 27th, 1934, and now bears 1933 Illinois license No. 1250895. Iorrii is former Chicago bootlegger and now operator of night club in Phoenix.

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REFERENCE

Telegram from the St. Paul Office, dated January 29th, 1934.

DETAILS:

The following is a copy of a memorandum submitted to the Los Angeles office on February 1st, 1934, by Special Agent G. J. Endres, Resident Agent, Phoenix, Arizona:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. E. P. J.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-172	RECORDED AND INDEXED: FEB 7 1934
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On January 29, 1934, the writer, while at Tucson, Arizona, had a telephonic conversation with Special Agent L. S. Taylor at the Los Angeles office in which Special Agent Taylor reported that the Los Angeles office had received a telegram as follows:

THE UNITED PRESS REPORT FROM PHOENIX THAT A ST PAUL GANGSTER NAME NOT GIVEN LEFT PHOENIX THREE DAYS BEFORE THE BREMER KIDNAPPING RETURNING SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE KIDNAPPING REPORTED DRIVING AN EXPENSIVE AUTOMOBILE BEARING ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES THIS CAR CHECKED AT A GARAGE SEVERAL TIMES BY POLICE OFFICERS SAID GANGSTERS HAVE SPENT LAST THREE WINTERS IN PHOENIX PLEASE CHECK FOR POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH BREMER CASE NAME USED BY GANGSTERS ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER ETC

Agent called HARRY DIEHL, City Detective, Phoenix Police Department, in charge of the Auto Theft, over long distance telephone, who reported that he had checked a 1931 Lincoln Sedan at the Phoenix Motor Company, 490 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, about three weeks ago. H. V. Peterson, Special Agent of the National Automobile Theft Bureau had checked this car with City Detective Harry Diehl. This car contained four men who are connected with the Roosevelt Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona, a night club managed by ex-Chicago men. Mr. DIEHL reported that the motor number of the Lincoln Sedan was 64496, and that at the time he checked the car, about three weeks ago, the car had Illinois license plates No. 1257414, year 1933. Mr. DIEHL also reported that he had recently seen this car in Phoenix, Arizona, at which time the car bore the license plates 1250895, Illinois 1933. He further stated that ANTHONY IORRRI, alias TONY LAMBERT, a Chicago bootlegger, 50 to 55 years of age, was the owner of the instant car. Mr. DIEHL further reports that a person known as ESTAWO was also with IORRRI at the time of the dealing with the Phoenix Motor Company.

Agent reported the above information to Los Angeles by telephone.

On January 31, 1934, while at Phoenix, Arizona, Agent interviewed H. V. PETERSON, Special Agent of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, 620 Heard Bldg., who advised that he had wired his Chicago office for information concerning the Lincoln Sedan, Motor No. 64496, bearing 1933 Illinois License 1257414, and had received the information that the license 1257414 had been issued to E. BUEHLER, 119 South Home Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, on a Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 965657. Mr. PETERSON also received the information that this Lincoln Sedan had been shipped to the Ford Motor Car Company at Milwaukee, Wisconsin and sold by them to the Kayser Motor Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This car was then sold to WILLIAM F. ENNEKING of Lakewood, Wisconsin, on November 22, 1930, and then sold to ANTHONY IORRRI, alias TONY LAMBERT, bootlegger, in care of the National Coffee Company, 1154 West Van Buren, Chicago, Illinois.

City Detective HARRY DIEHL, Phoenix, advised that TRACY BURLINGHAM of the Phoenix Motor Company had requested him to check instant car on account of the peculiar actions of IORRIL and his companions, who had attempted to sell this car to the Phoenix Motor Company.

Mr. BURLINGHAM was interviewed at the Phoenix Police Department and stated that about two weeks before January 8, 1934, IORRIL and three other men, all Italians, came to the Phoenix Motor Company, 400 West Washington St., and stated that they wished to sell this Lincoln Sedan; that about a week or a week and a half after these men started dealing with Mr. BURLINGHAM they left the car on the used car lot of the Phoenix Motor Car Company at 407 West Washington Street, and that the car had remained there until Saturday, Jan. 27, 1934, at which time IORRIL and two of his Italian companions came after the car, stating that they would attempt to sell it in Los Angeles.

Mr. BURLINGHAM advanced the information that IORRIL had stated that he had made two trips to Chicago, Mr. BURLINGHAM believing that one of the trips was probably about December 20, 1933, and the other about January 20th, 1934; also that IORRIL claimed to own a ranch in Wyoming; further, that IORRIL and his companions took over the Roosevelt Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona, sometime between December 1st and 15th, 1933, and are operating it at the present time.

The following are descriptions of the four men, obtained from Mr. BURLINGHAM:

Name	ANTHONY IORRIL, alias TONY LAURENT
Age	40 to 45 years
Height	About 8 feet
Weight	Over 200 pounds
Hair	Black, turning gray at temples
Eyes	Dark

UNKNOWN ITALIAN:

Height	5'8"
Weight	Over 200 lbs.
Hair	Black, turning gray
Peculiarities	3" deep scar on right cheek

UNKNOWN ITALIAN:

Age	29 to 30 years
Height	5'4"
Weight	165 lbs.
Hair	Black
Build	Well-built
Complexion	Dark

UNKNOWN ITALIAN:

Height	5'11"
Weight	175 to 185 lbs.
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
	Has long thin nose; has thin fingers.

Mr. BURLINGHAM states that he was introduced to the three above-named Italians but does not recall their names.

He further advises that he has seen this car on a parking lot across the street from the Roosevelt Tavern, and that now the car bears Illinois 1933 license 1250895 (Mr. Peterson of the National Automobile Theft Bureau advises that this license number has not been checked by him).

Mr. ED MOORE, City Detective, Phoenix, Arizona, advised that he had made an investigation and ascertained the following: that IORRIL first came to the Phoenix Motor Car Company with a black Lincoln Sedan bearing Illinois license No. 1257414, and had talked about a trade; that the next day two smaller Italians, said to be nephews of MIKE MORRO, brought the car to the garage. No deal was permitted to get to the record stage, but the car was left at the garage for sale. IORRIL returned to Chicago and came back to Phoenix about Jan. 1, 1934. Papers for the car were said to be in the possession of MIKE MORRO who would take care of the transaction if a sale were made. On January 27th IORRIL and ESTAVO came to the garage and took the car away, remarking that they would take it to the coast to see whether or not they could sell it there since the local automobile company had been unable to sell it. Mr. MOORE states that the car had been on the local lot since December 10, 1933.

J. J. McGRATH, Chief of Detectives, and members of the Phoenix Police Department Identification Bureau, advised that the Italians now operating the Roosevelt Tavern had been in Phoenix for only about three months, and that no records or photographs are on file with the Phoenix Police Department. Chief of Detectives McGRATH advises that he does not know the names of the Italians operating the Roosevelt Tavern and states that he has no informant who would be able to ascertain the names of the men.

E. B. WIER, Assistant Postmaster, Phoenix, Arizona, advised Agent that ANTHONY IORRIL, MIKE MORRO and MIKE LUNZA were receiving mail at the Roosevelt Tavern, Phoenix, Arizona. He advised that he received this information from a carrier on that route who stated that he would later be able to furnish the name of the fourth Italian.

Mr. H. V. PETERSON and City Detective HARRY DIEHL advised that a request was telegraphed to the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, Chicago, Illinois, on January 3, 1934, to check the car mentioned in this memorandum. They can recall checking no other car recently with an Illinois license.

For the reason that instant car has been on the lot of the Phoenix Motor Company from about December 20th until January 27th, 1934, no further investigation is being made by Agent unless requested to do so.

It was originally reported that the Lincoln car belonging to Mr. KORMAN was removed from the Phoenix Motor Company in Phoenix about January 1st, 1934. It now appears that the car remained on the parking lot until January 27th, 1934.

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February 5, 1934.

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MR. Nathan	✓
MR. Tolson	✓
MR. Clegg	✓
MR. Cowley	✓
MR. Egan	✓
MR. Quinn	✓
MR. Lester	✓
MR. Locke	✓
MR. Hester	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Harvey, at Philadelphia, 'phoned. Mr. Harvey had called Mr. Nathan. Mr. Nathan did not think that we should dignify Pat Crow by talking with him by telephone since he has been given every opportunity to disclose any information known to him to Mr. Harvey. Mr. Nathan told Mr. Harvey that a general reward would be offered which would exceed the amount requested by Pat Crow and that he could tell Crow that if his information could be recorded, all the facts as to the information furnished by him would be given to those paying the reward in the event the information was of value. Crow refused to talk and claims that he is coming to Washington. Mr. Harvey is convinced Crow does not know anything. Crow also claims to have confidential information about bank robberies and various other types of offenses. I told Mr. Harvey to present the facts known to him to the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

Pat Crow



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Dr. William C. Fowler,
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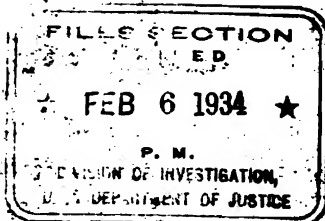
Dear Dr. Fowler:

It will be appreciated if Mr. Edward Donaldson may be permitted as a matter of cooperation to examine a specimen of an automobile seat, the cover of which is stained.

The specimen will be delivered to him under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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DIRECTOR

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MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. ROSE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Harvey called from Philadelphia. He stated that Crow was in the office and he wondered if any information could be given to Crow about Crow's request. I told Harvey that I had talked with Mr. Nathan and that Mr. Nathan had said he would talk with Mr. Bremer. Harvey stated that Crow only wants to receive ten percent of that portion of the ransom money which is recovered after the money is paid in the event any of it is recovered. I was of the opinion that if Crow's information led directly to the safe return of the victim, the arrest of the kidnapers or the recovery of the money, this would be agreeable and suggested to Harvey that Mr. Nathan thought we could get Crow an affirmative answer.

Harvey called subsequently and stated that Crow wanted to talk to Washington by telephone and wanted to talk to Mr. Nathan, and wanted a written statement. I told Harvey not to give Crow anything in writing but that Harvey might call Mr. Nathan and talk to him personally and if Mr. Nathan desired to talk with Crow he could do so but that I felt it improper for anyone in Washington to talk by telephone with Crow as he would immediately go out and get some newspaper publicity concerning the conversation, and Crow's reputation is an established fact which would not reflect favorably on the Division should it become known that the Division officials were talking directly with Crow, and to further inform Crow that the information in his possession should be furnished to Mr. Harvey at Philadelphia. Harvey stated he would call Mr. Nathan, as suggested.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation
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MR. NATHAN...
MR. TOLSON...
MR. CLEGG...
MR. COWLEY...
MR. EDWARDS...
MR. EGAN...
MR. QUINN...
MR. LESTER...
MR. LOCKE...
MR. RORER...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Concerning the attached telegram Mr. Nathan wrote the Division asking for the names of the suspects in the Denver, Colorado, mint robbery. He wanted these names in connection with the Bremer case. Their connection and purpose was not known. The Washington Field Office ascertained from Mr. Moran, Chief of the Secret Service, the names of the suspects were not available in Washington but were available in Denver and the Operative in Charge of the Denver office of the Secret Service Division has been telegraphically instructed to turn over to Agents of this Division the names of such suspects. The attached telegram prepared by Mr. Newby is to acquaint Mr. Nathan with this fact.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg
H. H. Clegg.



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MR JAROLD NATHAN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

RECORDS WASHINGTON DO NOT DISCLOSE SUSPECTS DENVER MINT ROBBERY CASE

CHIEF MORAN HAS INSTRUCTED OPERATIVE IN CHARGE DENVER DISCLOSE INFORMATION

DIVISION AGENT THERE SUGGEST HANDLE THROUGH SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

HOOVER

Edward G. Bremer

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Division of Investigation

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 6, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are fourteen letters
relative to the above matter, copies of which have been
made for the file in the St. Paul Division office.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni
WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Detached
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*Memo Mr. Nathan
2-8-34 EPC*

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Sioux City, Ia.
Feb. 3, 1934.

Memorandum for S.A.C. Werner Hanni:

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

EDWARD GARRICK VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

St. Paul File No. 7-576-180

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With reference to the information furnished to the effect that the Alice, referred to in the original note in this case, and the rest of the gang could be located at 931 Cecelia Street, Sioux City, Iowa, the investigation set out below was made.

A search of the City Directory, Sioux City, Iowa, revealed that no such address as 931 Cecelia Street existed. A personal inspection of this vicinity revealed that the 900 block on this street consists of a drug store on the corner of Morningside Avenue and Cecelia Street, then directly south of this drug store is a house wherein a family by the name of OLSON resides. There is a distance of about 100 feet to the next house which is #919 and about 75 feet further is the third and last house in the block which is #927. Across the street east from the 900 block is what is known as Cecelia Park and there are no houses therein. In the rear of 919 and 927, more directly behind 919, is another house which has one room and a garage downstairs or on the ground floor and three small rooms upstairs.

It was learned that ~~Mr. Morgan~~, at one time ~~Police~~ Police in Sioux City, and at the present time on the ~~Police~~ Police Detail, resided at 1011 Cecelia St., and he was contacted and advised that most of the people living in that vicinity were known to him, he having resided there 18 years. He did not know who resided in the above three houses at the present time as the tenants moved in within the last year or so. He recalled that his wife had mentioned the fact that there was a suspicious looking couple residing at the end of the 1100 block which on inspection proved to be #1131. Mrs. Morgan was consulted and she knew that a family by the name of Winters resided at 919 Cecelia Street, but did not know the names of the people in the other two houses but knew that they had resided there for at least a year. She was very suspicious of the couple residing at 1131. Mrs. Morgan is very friendly with Miss ~~Olson~~ Olson, an elderly woman who owns this house and the previous Saturday had helped Mrs. Olson clean the house and they had discussed these two people.

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Mr. ~~Arney~~ Arney, druggist, residing on the corner of Cecelia St. and Morningside Ave., did not, when first interviewed, know the people living

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in the houses at 919 and 927 but did not know that OTTO SCHMIDT, a man with a family of children, lived in the house in the rear of these two places and worked in the packing plant. He was certain that this party was not engaged in any illegal business. Mr. Barney, who appeared to be a shrewd person, made inquiries and determined that JOSEPH WINTERS lived in the house at 919 and that he was regularly employed and had been there about a year. He promised to make further discreet inquiry with reference to the persons residing at 927. Mr. Barney had, on subsequent interview, learned of the couple residing at 1131 and thought that they were the only parties in the vicinity who might have an illegal business.

Mr. [redacted] Superintendent of Mills, contacted the Morningstar Station and learned that the only available records showed a [redacted] residing at this address, 927, and that she had moved to Akron, Colorado, Burdette Route. The directory for 1933 of the City also showed the same woman as living at that address but she was well known in the community and was known to have left about a year ago.

At the Morningstar Station, Agent contacted the [redacted] [redacted], who advised that a party named PAUL SPEARS resided at 927 with his wife and they had two children, one born only a few months ago. It was noted that there were numerous children's playthings around the outside of this house. Mr. [redacted] further advised that the SPEARS family previously was in [redacted] for over two years and they resided at 929 Marshall Street. They have been at the present address over a year. Mr. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] resided at 919 and was employed by the local telephone company, and that both he and [redacted], who resides in the rear and works at the packing plant, have both been in that vicinity over a year. There had been no outsider receiving mail at these addresses recently, and he has noticed no unusual activity. He did however notice the couple residing at 1131 and remarked that they had received no mail there.

In company with LEO HAUGHTON, chief deputy sheriff, extended inquiry was made in the northeast part of Sioux City. Some of the streets have been run north through this vicinity where there are only a few houses. Posts bearing the names of all the streets in the vicinity of Cecelia Street were found at about 700 north and at the point where Cecelia would hit 10th street if it were cut through there is a house located at what would be numbered 1000 Cecelia. This is in reality a farm house, but is hidden from all directions by hills. It was determined by inquiry in the neighborhood that one, [redacted], stayed there and that he was in the business of raising hogs, and that he had two helpers who worked there occasionally. The house is in very dilapidated condition and was looked at the time of this inspection.

With reference to the house at 1151 Cecelia Street, MRS. MORGAN advised that, in her discussion with MISS O'LEARY concerning the couple at this address, they both thought that these people were in some racket for they seldom left the place except when they both went together, and when they gave the name of MR. and MRS. MURPHY to the police upon their arrival, they said it in such a way that she did not think that such was their right name. They have few belongings at this place, all being carried in two suitcases and a brief case. They are in possession of a Nash car which is always parked in front of this residence. This car, which was observed, is a large coach, of dark color with a trunk in the rear. It bears Iowa 1933 license at the present time, #97-19852, which, upon check of the duplicate registration in possession of the police department, showed it to be in the name of MAE MURPHY, 4025 Madison, which is the address of one, MAE MURPHY, a widow. The car was registered 8-28-33, and bears motor number 380451, serial #497151, being listed as a 1930 model.

Arrangements were made so that agent would call at 1151 Cecelia Street, on the morning of February 3, 1934, at 11:00 A.M. by which time MISS O'LEARY and MRS. MORGAN would have requested these two people to leave so that their room might be cleaned. As agent approached this place, these two parties were just leaving. Upon inspection of the belongings in the room, mail was found addressed to P. C. RATENNE, 125 Livestock Exchange, Sioux City, Iowa, from the Mobile Adjustment Company, Mobile, Alabama. Various insurance books and papers were also found indicating that this man was perhaps an insurance adjuster. There were several detective story magazines and a page torn from one which had a reference to the TOUHY TRIAL for the FACTOR kidnaping in Chicago, among other crime items on the same page. There was a new Underwood typewriter in the room and MISS O'LEARY stated that they used this a great deal. Agent wrote about forty words on this typewriter, words which were recalled as being in the original note in this case, and same are forwarded herewith for transmission to the Division for expert analysis. This is not a portable typewriter.

At the office of the U.S. Marshal, Don Pruesner, and his deputies, Holly and Renshaw, the name RATENNE was recalled as having been connected with some liquor case for which a subpoena was issued but RATENNE never was located. It was said that FRANK WILSON, agent of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, located at Fort Dodge, Iowa, would know all about this party. RATENNE is not listed in recent directories but in an old 1922 directory of the city he is found listed as PAUL C. RATENNE, 4500 Arthur Street, and as a laborer for the Hawkeye Truck Company, 2700 Floyd Street, MR. HARRY A. CHRISTENSEN being the president of the company.

At the sheriff's office, LEO HAUGHTON, chief deputy sheriff, when first asked if he knew RATTENNE stated that he did and wanted to know if he were still living with the red headed woman. It developed that HAUGHTON had a few years ago been these two together often, and recalled that RATTENNE had been arrested in connection with the EARL KNOWLES liquor conspiracy case and had turned government witness. A photograph of RATTENNE was turned over to agent and is attached hereto. RATTENNE has been known as a liquor runner in the past and his present occupation is not known. He has a brother living in Sioux City by the name of MICHAEL RATTENNE, an engineer on the C. ST. P. & O. Railway, and who is considered a good citizen. HAUGHTON thought that the kidnaping racket was away over the head of PAUL RATTENNE, but he decided to keep watch of him in the future. HAUGHTON did not know the name of the red headed woman with RATTENNE but upon inquiry concerning her at one time he was advised that she was a former prostitute but he could not recall where he got this information.

At the police department, FRANK WHELOCK stated that he also knew RATTENNE and thought that the kidnaping game was too big for him. He agreed to keep RATTENNE under surveillance in the future.

PAUL C. RATTENNE is described as follows: (personal observation):



EARL MURPHY is described as follows: (personal observation):



It is not considered necessary to follow this inquiry further at this time.

Very truly yours,

REN:TC
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R. T. NOONAN, SPECIAL AGENT.

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

February 6, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

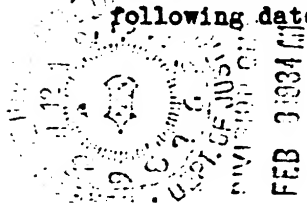
Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,
O KIDNAPING. Chicago File #7-82.

On February 5, 1934, Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis telephoned this office from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, indicating that he had interviewed Gordon Alcorn with a view to showing whether or not Alcorn was implicated in the Bremer kidnaping on January 17, 1934. At that interview, it is understood, Alcorn informed him, Mr. Purvis, that he, Alcorn, had received dental treatment through a Dr. B. L. Bolasny in Chicago, Illinois, on January 5, 1934, and on January 16, 1934, which would indicate the impossibility of his, Alcorn's, participation in the Bremer kidnaping. It is understood further that Alcorn informed Mr. Purvis that he, Alcorn, had made arrangements to secure employment through the Mid-town Movers at 2556 North Clark Street, and that he, Alcorn, visited said address practically every day during the month of January. In view of this information, Mr. Purvis telephonically requested that inquiries be made of Dr. Bolasny and also at the Mid-town Movers through a Mr. Kelley. Accordingly, the following investigation was made by Special Agent K. R. McIntire of the Chicago Office:

Dr. B. L. Bolasny, 2561 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, phone number, Diversey 1415, informed Agent McIntire that Gordon Alcorn came to him under the name of W. Thomas, having been referred to him, Dr. Bolasny, by Dr. William Ferris, a physician through whom Mrs. Walter Thomas, the wife of Gordon Alcorn, was receiving treatment for a burned hand. (Alcorn will be referred to in this letter as Thomas in view of the fact that he was known under such name by the parties interviewed.)

An examination of Dr. Bolasny's books disclosed that Thomas commenced treatment on August 28, 1933, and continued his visits on the following dates:-



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Monday, Aug. 28, 1933 - Extraction five posteriors (upper right).
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1933 - Extraction three molars (lower right).
Monday, Sept. 18, 1933 - Extraction two bicuspids (lower right).
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1933 - Appointment cancelled.
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1933 - " "
Friday, Oct. 13, 1933 - Appointment kept.
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1933 - " "
Monday, Oct. 23, 1933 - " "
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1933 - " "
Monday, Nov. 6, 1933 - " "
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1933 - " "
Monday, Dec. 11, 1933 - " "
Monday, Dec. 18, 1933 - " "
Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1934 - Appointment cancelled.
Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1934 - Appointment kept.
Friday, Jan. 5, 1934 - " "
Friday, Jan. 12, 1934 - " "
Monday, Jan. 22, 1934 - " "
Saturday, Jan. 27, 1934 - " "

A careful examination of Dr. Bolasny's books failed to disclose that Thomas had any treatment on January 16, 1934, as indicated by Mr. Purvis.

Dr. Bolasny advised that his work up until the apprehension of Thomas was the extraction of his, Thomas', teeth with a view to furnishing him with two sets of plates, upper and lower, advising that Thomas had a very bad case of pyorrhea. Dr. Bolasny advised that Thomas' gums were in an extremely bad condition and that they gave him a considerable amount of pain. Further, Thomas complained of other pains on several occasions. Dr. Bolasny was not able to state whether such pain would force a man to go to bed but he stated that it was very possible that Thomas may have gone to bed as a result of the pain. He also advised that on several occasions Mrs. Thomas, the wife of Walter Thomas, called him advising of the pain and distress which Thomas was suffering by virtue of his teeth and asked what might be done to relieve such pain. Dr. Bolasny could not recall the dates on which Mrs. Thomas made these telephone calls. It is to be noted above that the dates on which these extractions took place are not shown. This absence of record is due to the fact that Dr. Bolasny kept no record of the exact dates on which he extracted the teeth, although it is noted that he extracted all of the teeth, thirty-one in number, from the mouth of Thomas.

Thomas furnished his address as 607 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, when he first took treatment with Dr. Bolasny and then changed

his address to 3125 Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Bolasny had no further address for Thomas. Agent was informed that Thomas appeared to have very little money when the above mentioned treatment was being furnished him and on several occasions Dr. Bolasny made request for money but received only two ten dollar payments on the work which was to be \$150.00. When pushed for money, Thomas informed Dr. Bolasny that he had very little money but expected to secure work in the near future and would pay him as he saved money from his wages; that if his wages did not cover this amount he could perhaps secure the remainder of the money from his mother. At no time, however, did Thomas indicate the name of his mother or where she lived. He gave Dr. Bolasny no information with regard to his past. Thomas on several occasions broke his appointments with Dr. Bolasny, first calling up and indicating that he was going out of town. When Dr. Bolasny was questioned closely on this point he indicated that he paid little attention to the places where Thomas was going but declared that they were always in the vicinity of Chicago, such as Berwyn and Chicago Heights. On one occasion Thomas advised that he was going to visit his mother-in-law in Gary, Indiana. It is observed that the mother of Thomas' wife does live in Gary, Indiana. Dr. Bolasny definitely stated that Thomas at no time mentioned going to Minneapolis or St. Paul or any other point in the vicinity of those two cities.

Mr. A. Kelley, Manager of the Mid-town Movers, 2556 North Clark, phone, Diversey 4900, informed that he and his wife have known Mrs. Thomas for the past five years and have been very closely associated with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas ever since their marriage in May, 1933. He advised that he knew that Thomas had been arrested as one of the kidnapers of Boettcher in Denver some time ago. He further informed agent that approximately a month ago Thomas spoke to him seriously about securing a position as a laborer with the Mid-town Movers and at that time he was informed by Kelley that he would be employed just as soon as an opening occurred.

Mr. Kelley and his wife, Lucille, were interviewed together and both informed that they were with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas during practically every day of January, 1934. Mr. Kelley stated that Thomas used the Mid-town Movers address as a place to loaf, and that he, Kelley, and his wife, Lucille, either played cards at the Thomas' home every Saturday night or entertained the Thomases at their own home. The Kelleys declared that at no time during January, 1934, did Walter Thomas make any trip outside of Chicago, Illinois.

Kelley stated that during the time he knew Walter Thomas the latter indicated that he was from Syracuse, New York, but he said no more

on this subject after Lucille Kelley had mentioned that she had visited Syracuse several times. It is to be noted also that the Kelleys are friendly with an unnamed person, who is a fireman on one of the railroads out of Chicago; that on one occasion this individual was in company with Walter Thomas and mentioned the fact that he was a fireman on a railroad but Walter Thomas made no mention of ever having been a fireman himself on a railroad in Canada. Mr. Kelley informed that Walter Thomas at no time intimated that he had been involved in the Bremer kidnapping with Verne Sankey and gave them to understand that he had secured his money through a will which his mother had left.

The Kelleys did inform that Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas visited the father of Mrs. Thomas in Sioux Falls, South Dakota during September, 1933, and that in the early part of December, 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas made a trip to Omaha, where they visited a relative of Mrs. Thomas. No other trips were known to have been made by either Mr. or Mrs. Thomas.

During agent's interview with the Kelleys, Mrs. Walter Thomas appeared in the office of the Mid-town Movers and she was questioned with regard to the trip to Sioux Falls and also to Omaha. She informed that in September, 1933, she and Walter Thomas visited her father, C. O. Christopherson, at Corson, South Dakota, and it is understood that she visited with her children who are now living with Mrs. Grace Paul at 417 W. 12th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She further informed that in the early part of December, 1933, she and Walter Thomas visited Mr. E. Hart, whose wife is Mrs. Kate Hart, 1200 Jackson Street, Otis Elevator Company, Omaha, Nebraska. It is understood that Mrs. Kate Hart is the aunt of Mrs. Walter Thomas' first husband, namely, Leonard Paul.

Mrs. Thomas informed agent that she had on February 5, 1934, received a telegram from her husband, Walter Thomas, advising that either she should come to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in order to arrange for his defense or that she should secure an attorney. No further information was obtainable with regard to whether or not he intended to defend his case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Laboratory Report

February 5, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576
Kidnaping.

3 X Murder Case, Joseph ~~Mozinski~~ ^{Mozinski}, Victim.

Specimens: letter addressed to "City Editor, N.Y. Evening Journal", beginning "My dear Mister Editor", letter and envelope, envelope addressed to N. Y. Evening Journal and postmarked June 14, 1930, letter begins "Ref: Mozinski Queens", letter and envelope, envelope addressed to Mrs. May and dated June 16, 1930, letter begins "Mrs. May Dear Madam --".

Examination requested by: New York Office.

Date received: January 31, 1934.

Examination requested: Comparison with the "Mission Note received in the Bremer Case.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel

February 2. The handwriting in the 3 X letters is not identical with that in the letter addressed from the Union Mission in the Bremer Case. The 3 X handwriting is of the same general style but is not identical with the handwriting of the victim, Edward G. Bremer.

A comparison was also made of the 3 X handwriting with the Lindbergh extortion letters. Some similarities were found, especially in regard to the foreign forms and deviations from the proper style of these forms which are European. There are, however, no particular idiosyncrasies of form or motion such as would indicate the probability that the writer of the 3 X letters wrote the Lindbergh extortion letters. Indeed, the general motion is dissimilar. Of course, it should be remembered that both the Lindbergh extortion letters and the 3 X letters show emphatic signs of disguise and the ability to write differently.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN ALPHE TLE TO PERMIT THE TRANSLITTAL.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WHELAN HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

Agent Fortenberry informed me today that MR. ADOLPH BREMER, brought in MR. CONWAY, who operates a grocery store at White Bear Lake, to his home; that MR. BREMER wanted him to listen to the story of MR. CONWAY.

MR. CONWAY related that he had overheard a conversation yesterday (February 4) which made him believe that perhaps it had some connection with the BREMER kidnaping. MR. FORTENBERRY stated he was unable to get any specific details from MR. CONWAY other than that he advised that there is a big gangster hideout which is located at Big Thunder Lake northeast of Brainerd, Minnesota; that the closest town to this hideout is Bemar and that he thought that perhaps it would be well to investigate this place. MR. ADOLPH BREMER also spoke to Agent Fortenberry concerning the occasion over a year ago when ED BREMER was "stuck up" in his garage and had taken from him some very valuable diamonds. MR. BREMER told Agent Fortenberry that DANNY HOGAN talked to him about the theft of these diamonds and informed him that had he (HOGAN) known of the theft of these diamonds sooner, he could have obtained possession of them for MR. BREMER, indicating that he undoubtedly knew who the guilty persons were.

MR. BREMER further advised that it is his understanding that HOGAN'S widow has a place which is located at or near Big Thunder Lake, Minnesota.

Agent Fortenberry also stated that MR. GODFREY, personal friend of ADOLPH BREMER, who is in St. Paul at the present time in connection with the BREMER kidnaping, informed him that there had already been a misup on the payoff and that he laid it to the failure of carrying out of plans by WALTER MACEE and MR. NEWCOMB of the brewery and indicated that these men had tried to make a bargain with the kidnapers to settle for a smaller amount.

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Very truly yours,
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R. E. HALL, JR., ASST. DIR.
Special Agent.
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St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. HERMAN HANSEN:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

On February 5, 1934, a person who declined to give his name, telephoned me and stated that there were some shady characters living in a frame bungalow house on the right-hand side of 36th Avenue South between 52nd and 53rd Streets in Minneapolis. This person stated that the house could readily be identified as all the blinds were down in the house. He stated that the only occupant seen was a man who did not go outside until very late at night to get his newspaper, which seemed to be delivered at the house.

About two days ago a car stopped there and one of the men in the car went to the house and was refused admittance by the occupant. The informant thought this might have some bearing on the BREMER case.

Special Agent Dodd and myself proceeded to the vicinity in question, identified the house from the description given and noted that same is 5216 Thirty-Sixth Avenue South. We could not gain admittance to the house so we interviewed the next-door neighbor, MRS. STAVIS, who informed us that she had resided in that block for the past ten years and knows everyone living there; that there had been no persons recently moving into any of the houses and that her neighbors at 5216 were MR. and MRS. ALVIN LEIN. She advised that MRS. LEIN has left the city for an extended trip and that MR. LEIN is home alone; further, that he returns home sometime after dinner in the evening. Apparently, there is nothing to this rumor.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
Special Agent. FEB 8 1934 A.M.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. S. WERNER HARRI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

Sheriff MOELLER, Ramsey County, St. Paul, Minnesota, telephoned the office on the morning of February 3, 1934, advising that he was holding three men in connection with the BREMER kidnaping case.

Agent, accompanied by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, called at Sheriff's office, and the Sheriff produced an advertising card of the Pearl Inn, Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, on the reverse side of which was printed the following:

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"Please leave Bremer money in mail box at Rice Street and County Road B. No monkey work.

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Gang."

Sheriff MOELLER explained that the proprietor of the Pearl Inn telephoned the Sheriff's office advising that three men were in his inn acting suspiciously and that when they left they dropped the card above described on the counter; that two of his officers, RICHARDSON and WERNER, were sent to the scene and arrested the three men who had left the inn and had driven some distance away on Rice Street but turned back and were passing the inn again when taken into custody.

ALVIN LINDGREN, when questioned with reference to the card, advised that it was he who wrote the same. He stated that he, together with WALTER LAUGH and ELWOOD BRAUER, went to the Pearl Inn at about 2:30 a.m. on the morning of February 3, 1934, and had a few beers and were feeling "rather good"; that he thought it would be more or less of a joke to leave the card on the counter; that at the time he did so, he did not realize the seriousness of it. He further stated that both he and the other two young men are employed in the Shipping Department of Sears Roebuck, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and have been so employed for several years. This was verified by agent through contacting MR. M. E. DAVIDSON, Shipping Department, Sears & Roebuck, Minneapolis, who stated that the young men are all employed in the Shipping Department at Sears & Roebuck and are considered entirely trustworthy. He expressed the opinion that the boys must have been under the influence of liquor when they wrote the note or else they would not have done such a thing.

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The Sheriff's office has arranged to have these men photographed and fingerprinted, copies of which will be forwarded to the Division at Washington.

The card was not turned over to the writer by Sheriff MOELLER, but MR. MOELLER explained that he would turn the same over at a later date. The writer is inclined to believe that the story given by LINDGREN is correct and that the writing of the card containing instructions with reference to the payment of the HUMMER ransom money was the result of his being intoxicated.

Descriptions are as follows:

Name - ALVIN LINDGREN
Address - 2701 1st Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Age - 35 years
Born at Houston, Minnesota
Height - 5 feet 10 1/2 inches
Weight - 165 pounds
Eyes - Brown
Hair - Brown
Occupation - [REDACTED]

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Name - WALTER LEUCH
Address - 5281 Elliott Avenue South, Minneapolis,
Minnesota
Age - 25 years
Born at West Allis, Wisconsin
Height - 6 feet
Weight - 155 pounds
Hair - Light brown and wavy
Eyes - Blue
Complexion - Medium fair
Tattoo - Initials W.A.L. right forearm
Teeth - Gold fillings in upper front teeth
Marital status - Single
Occupation - Head packer, Sears & Roebuck, Minneapolis,
Minnesota

Relatives [REDACTED]

Nationality - German
Criminal record - None

Name - ELWOOD BRAUER
Address - 3917 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis,
Minnesota

Age - 30 years
Born at Tebbets, Missouri
Height - 5 feet 10 inches
Weight - 169 pounds
Hair - Light brown
Eyes - Blue
Complexion - Fair
Tattoo - Left arm, robin with word "Mother"; mole
on right side of nose.
Occupation - Instructor, Shipping Department, Sears
& Roebuck, Minneapolis
Nationality - German
Criminal record - None.

Very truly yours,

R. L. NALLS,
Special Agent.

RLN:HVS
3 - Division
9 - St. Paul

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 5, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copies of memorandums on
the BREMER and LINDBERGH Kidnaping cases, which memorandums were
written upon investigation conducted by Agents of the St. Paul
office.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
February 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file 7-30.

HERB PARADEAU, Captain of Detectives, Minneapolis Police Department,
furnished me with the following:

A card of the Carlton Detective Bureau, Andrus Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A card of the Sturr-Gilfillan Co., Ford dealers, Minneapolis,
Minnesota, on which is written in pencil:

"Mr. Carlson:

"I have information that may help release Ed Bremer.
If unforeseen things don't come up he'll soon be home.
He's alive yet.

"If you want this information, call me by long distance
telephone, White Rock, S. Dak. Send money so I can come. The
sooner the better.

GERT. BOHDE

P.S. You have my application there. I must talk to you.
In calling, don't mention your agency. Your name & address
is alright. I'll understand."

A self-addressed, but not stamped, envelope, G. Bohde, General
Delivery, Wheaton, Minnesota.

Attached to this memorandum is a copy of the application submitted
by this woman with the Carlton Detective Bureau along with a postscript to the
application.

HERB PARADEAU informed me that the above was given to him by MR.
CARLTON of the Carlton Agency for whatever value it may be to this Division.

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A telegram as follows was sent to MRS. CARLTON:

St. Paul, Minnesota.

White Rock, South Dakota.

NOTIFY ME IMMEDIATELY COLLECT UNDER CONFIDENTIAL COVER FULL
DETAILS REGARDING INFORMATION CONCERNING WHICH YOU COMMUNICATED
WITH CARLTON.

Hanni

Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice.

On February 3, HERB PARADEAU gave me a letter addressed to MR.
CARLTON by G. R., as follows:

White Rock, S. Dak.
Feb. 2, 1934.

Mr. Carlton:

Dear Sir:

Rec'd your telegram and want to answer it. I will tell you
what I seen and heard. Saw a large black sedan come into
Wheaton befor yesterday, two men in the car, window was part way
down on drivers side, car come from south, turned on Main Street
going east, strong storm coming from north. I was going west. I
has passed ahead of them as they slowed up and I heard one man
say, "D--- if they don't have all cash it'll be just to bad for
Bremer."

More was said but I couldn't get it two other cars came and
passed so I could not get license number. Car was dusty and dirty
too. They turned next block going south, did not see them any more.

Further I donot know. Now this may mean a lot and it may mean
nothing to you. I wonder perhaps it would be a good idea to give
them all cash at that, if it isen't already that way now, it may
mean his safe release. This is just a hunch you know.

Yours truly

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In view of the contents of this letter, no more investigation is being conducted. All letters and cards are being returned to the Police Department at Minneapolis.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,
Special Agent.

OGH:HVS

5 - Division
9 - St. Paul

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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February 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

It is noted that a number of the letters received by Mr. Bremer and Mr. Magee in the Edward G. Bremer case constitute a violation of the Extortion Act.

It is requested that, upon the receipt of letters which constitute a violation of this Act, they be placed in cellophane containers and forwarded to the Division immediately and separate cases made of each looking towards prosecution.

There are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of a letter dated at Kalma, Minnesota, January 22, 1934, addressed to the Postmaster at Minneapolis, undated letter postmarked at Minneapolis January 22, 1934, addressed to Walter W. Magee, 2295 Lincoln Ave. St. Paul, Minn., undated letter addressed to W. Magee, 118 - W - Central, St. Paul, Minn., postmarked January 20, 1934, letter dated January 19, 1934, addressed to Mr. Bremer, postmarked at Kansas City, Missouri, January 19, 1934, undated post card addressed to the Postmaster at St. Paul, Minnesota, postmarked at Brooklyn, New York, January 23, 1934, and letters postmarked at Minneapolis January 20, 23, and 24, 1934, addressed to 855 W. 7th Street, Adolph Bremer and A. Bremer, St. Paul, Minnesota, respectively, on Y. M. C. A. stationery at Minneapolis.

It is requested that separate files be made of these letters and investigation conducted concerning the same, looking towards prosecution under the Federal Extortion Act. Should there be any doubt as to whether these letters constitute a violation of said Act, the matter should be discussed with the United States Attorney for a decision.

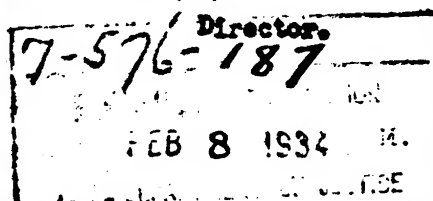
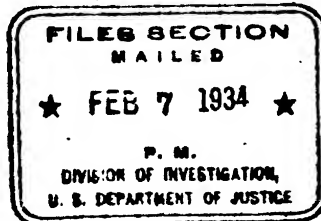
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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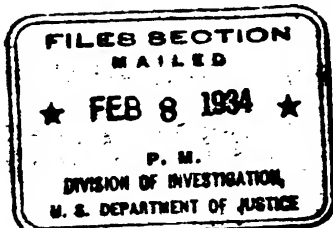
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. Edward G. Bremer has been safely returned to his family. On the night of February 6, 1934, the ransom money of \$200,000 was paid by Mr. Nagoe, a friend of the Bremer family, to the kidnapers, in or near St. Paul. Mr. Edward G. Bremer was released last night at Rochester, Minnesota, and returned to St. Paul by train and bus. Mr. Bremer's condition at the present time is such that we have been unable to obtain any very definite details from him except the information that he was blindfolded during the entire time he was in the hands of the kidnapers; that at the time he was kidnaped the kidnapers travelled practically all day in an automobile until about three hours after dark; and that returning the same amount of time was spent. The best information so far is that he was conveyed in a small sedan containing three men. Agents of the Division are now engaged in conducting a thorough interrogation of Mr. Bremer and other members of the family in order to take vigorous steps toward bringing about the apprehension of the kidnapers.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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February 8, 1934.

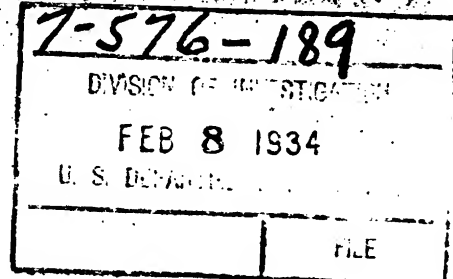
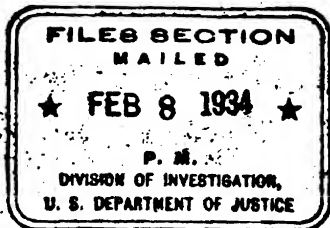
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,
The Assistant to the Attorney General

For your information, I am
attaching hereto a copy of a memorandum
which I have just directed to the
Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

Incl.



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February 6, 1934.

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Director.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 5, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576
Kidnaping.

Specimens: 5 photographs of a "Road Chart" showing typed plans for
a getaway after a crime.

Examination requested by: Mr. Coffey

Date received: January 30, 1934.

Examination requested: Typewriter comparison.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

February 1. An examination was made of the photographs of the road chart and some similarities with the extortion letters were found. These specimens are photographs taken for the purpose of showing latent finger-prints developed with powders. They are blurred and an adequate comparison may not be made. Originals have been requested from the Michigan State Police.

*A review was made to ascertain if the typewriter of Ernest Rossi could have written the Bremer notes. Specimens of this typewriter were previously examined in the Hamm Kidnaping Case, but as there is no number one on this typewriter it could not have written the letters in the Bremer Case.

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FEB 8 1934
ONE

P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

January 31, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Will you please secure and send me at the earliest
practicable moment a list of the subjects, or suspects, in the
so-called "Denver Mint Robbery" case?

Very truly yours,

H. WATSON,
Assistant Director.



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 7, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

In the above entitled matter, there are enclosed herewith the originals of miscellaneous letters received by the BREMER family. Copies of these letters have been made and are being retained in the St. Paul Division Office file.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hamni

WERNER HAMNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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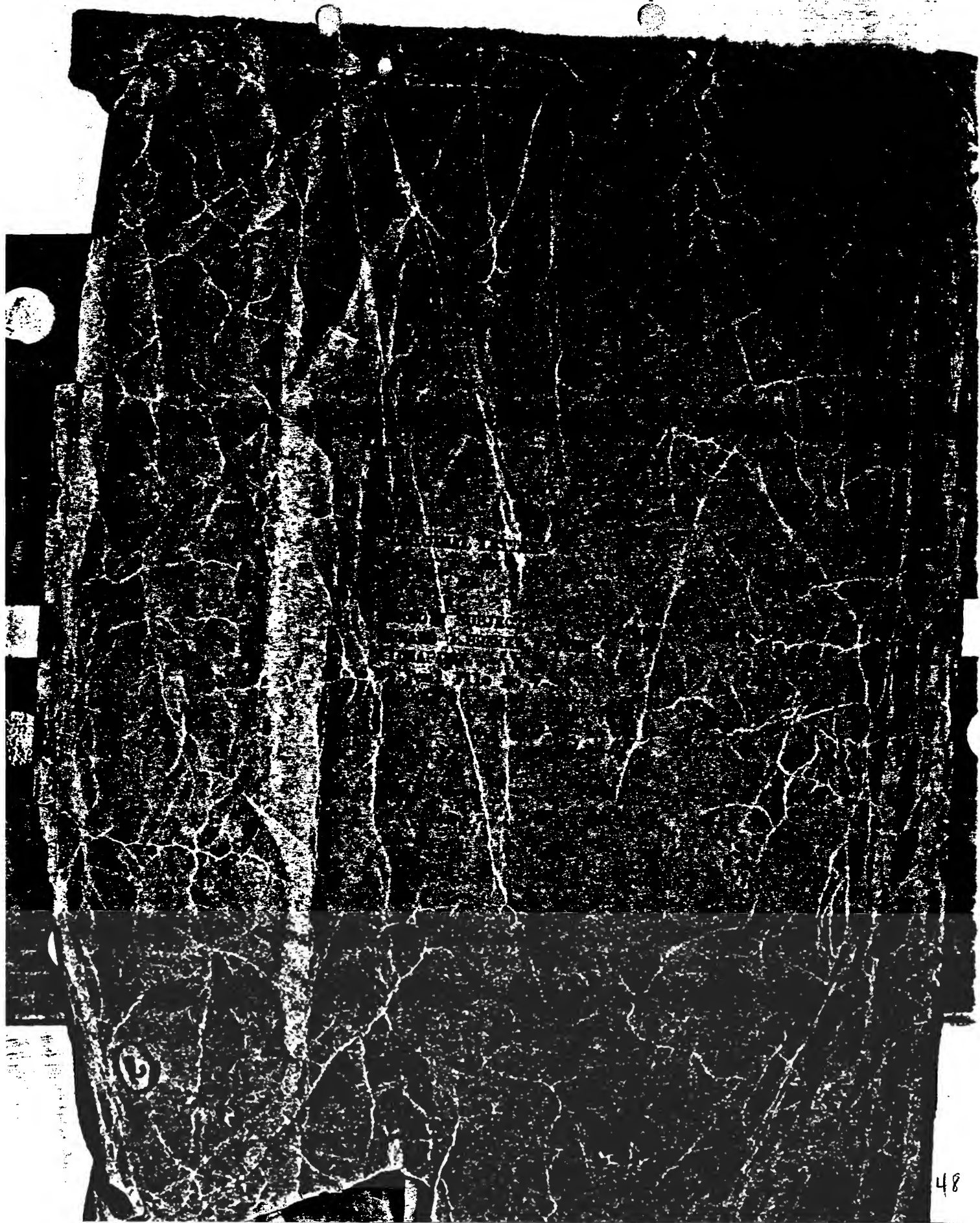
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General Delivery, Jersey City,
Mr. Adolph Bremer, January 30-18
St Paul Minn.,
Dear Sir!

I have read considerable of your
trouble and of course sympathize
with you and suggest the only
way I think out of it.
I am a Roman Catholic of Irish
descent, and have received my faith
through Prayer, especially for
purchases to St Anthony, St. Anne,
St. Jude, St. Expedite.
I would advise you to give
two poor old ladies four
dollars each for food or rent
one to be Irish and one German
and a dollar each to light 16
candles each in front of some
shrine: Saint's Shrine of course
in some Catholic Church in your
case I prefer St Anthony's. I hope
that you will find your son
once alive & well and to be
returned to you. now please
not tell only your family &
nearest friends. I am not insane
or a religious fanatic - only
plain working man, was in
business, and got trimmed &
lost 6 of my family including
wife. Had nothing left - but I
leave to

loan me few dollars for three
months as I have been sick
and out of work. I am in hurry
writing this letter. (clerk waiting)

Please answer me, I remain
very truly yours.

Michael P. Brown

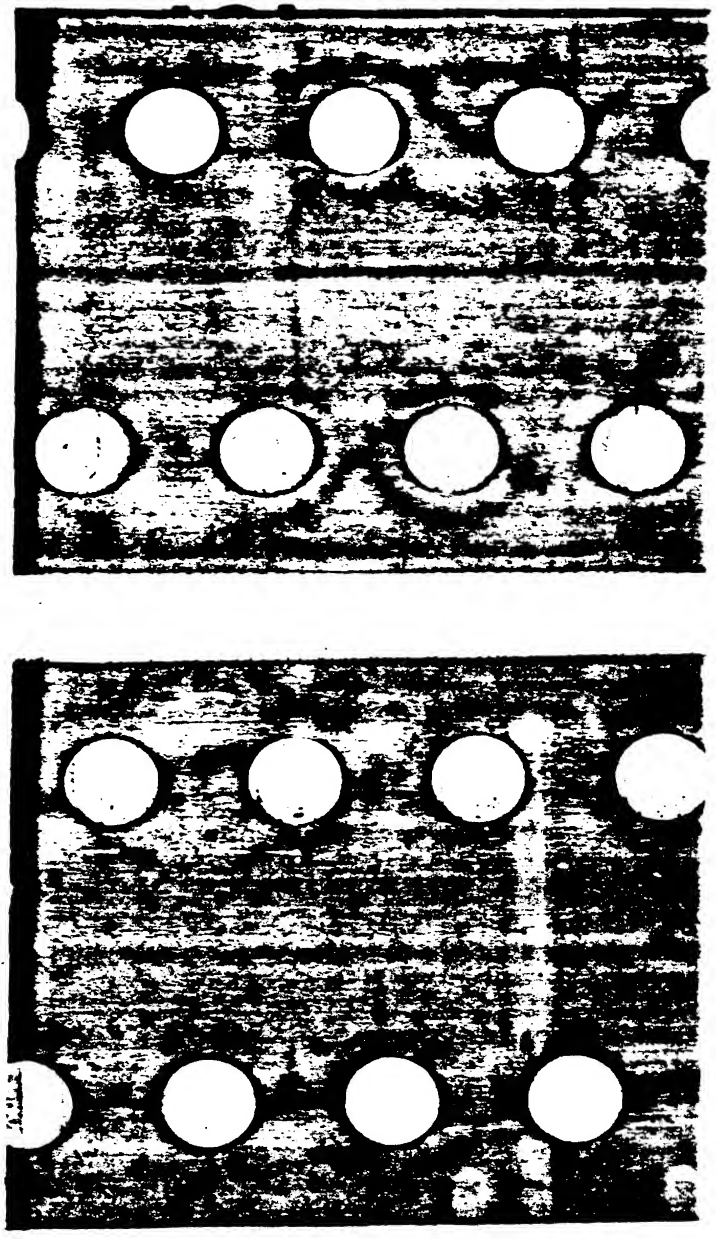


Mr. Adolph Bremer,

St. Paul

Minn.

Strictly
Personal



Mr. Adolph Bremer,

St Paul

Minn,

Truly
Personal,

New York N.Y.
Jan 27/38

Mrs Bremer -

Dear Sir, just by chance

Three Ellens whom I know was in
the Night Club where I work on the
27th night of this month, I think I can
get the inside dope on your case.

I have heard traces of your son. If you
are interested send me at once three \$100.00 Bills
I will give them a real party as soon as
I receive the money. at my apt. and
will have them trapped they say your son
is not dead. please do not advertise my name
they will see it and put me away.

Thanking you in advance
yours truly

b7c

N.Y.C.

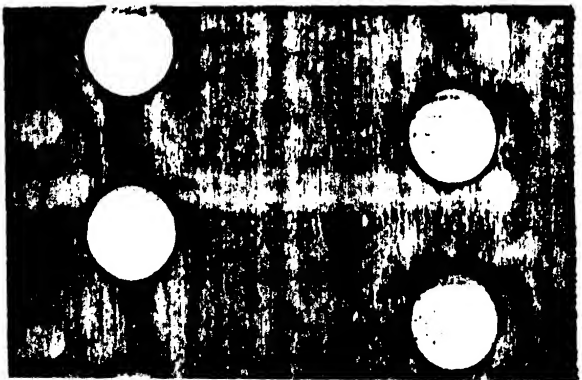
P.S. - you will have to
attend to this at once.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

send 7/5 special delivery Sam
Not at home all day.

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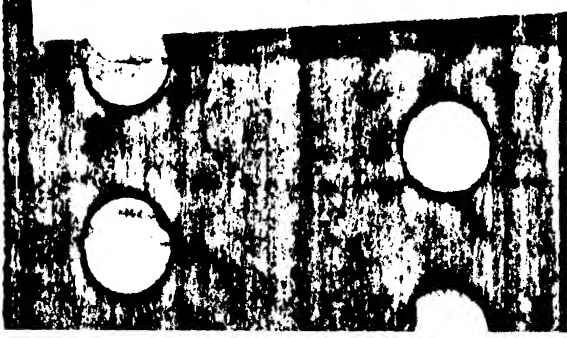
WE-NILL-BE-WAITING, NEAR-
 HULEY, WIS. COVER-RIGHT
 HEAD-LIGHT WITH-BLAC.
 K.-CLOTH.-TO-TELL-YOU-
 BY-ED.-IS.-FELLING-
 FINE,-BRING-MONEY-WITH-
 YOU-WE-WILL-NOT-TRY-AGAIN
 SO COME-SAT-MORNING



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YOUR-MAN-WILL-BE-FOLLOW
 OUT-OF-THE-TWIN-CITIES. B
 OUR-MAN-COME-IN-NEW
 COUP-1933-MODEL. D.
 LET-FED-MEN-IN-ON
 THIS-LETTER-WE-H
 ED.-SUIT-TO GIV
 YOU-BEFORE-WE TAKE



RAISON, -SO DONT TAKE
ANY-CHANCE-BE-WARE-

FEB. (3-) AT-10-DELOCK-IN
-THE-MORNING-DRIVE-TO
-HURLY^{WIS.}-AN-OUT-ON-^{TO}THE-MELLON
ROAD^{WIS.}

DONT-FORGET-MELLON
go-TILL-YOU-ARE-STOP.
DONT FORGET. (FEB, -3-) DRIVE SLOW



MR. ADOLF BREMER

COMMERCIAL-BANK
ST. PAUL MINN.

Sloans Iowa
1-31-34

Mr. Bremner

Please except these few
lines of sympathy
I felt so sorrow for
you. When I read of
the kidnapping of
your son. And that
and aged father
was working over him
I prayed to God that
he would bring back
your son to you and
this family unharmd
I hope God will ans-
wer my prayer

Yours
Mrs. C. C. Bremner Jr.

St. Paul



STAMP, ADDRESS, POSTAGE

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THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OF MINNEAPOLIS

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

CENTRAL BRANCH
NORTH of LA SAIE

Don't want to be a
as new old
with the
between
Better do than
Ind for rest of
man wants to
Better do this if you want
Ed back we want



FORT. WAYNE, IND.
JAN. 31-1934 -- P.M.

DEAR BREMER.

WE ARE GIVING YOU YOUR LAST
CHANCE, PAY US THE MONEY,
OR YOURS SON GOING TO DIE.
SO IF YOU WISH TO MAKE CONTACT
WITH US ~~WE~~ MET US AT CORNER
CALHOUN AND LEWIS STREET.
IN FORT. WAYNE, IND.

FEB-10-1934 -- AT 6 P.M.

DRIVE YOUR CAR. BE SEATED.
IN YOUR CAR.

YOUR SON IS ALIVE.

SO HAVE YOUR MONEY READY.

NO POLICE PROTECTION. REMEMBER.

OR ELSE YOUR SON WILL DIE

YOURS. NOTORIOUS. LEADER.

FROM: *W. J. ...*
TO: *Mr. J. ...*
PORT WYNE E. LTD.



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Mr Adolph Breuer

Dear Sir

I am sending you a list
of what I claim I can do with
my invention

if you should except me in
the case please don't let the
press know it for you know
I would be put out. I will
come for my expenses there
and back and just enough to
support my family while you
a bout \$2⁰⁰ per day.

note I wrote out this list of
my work to send to president
Roosevelt to see if he would
have my work investigated.

To state my affairs plain I am
broke or things would be different

Yours Very Truly

J. E. Miller

~~J. E. Miller~~

~~and~~

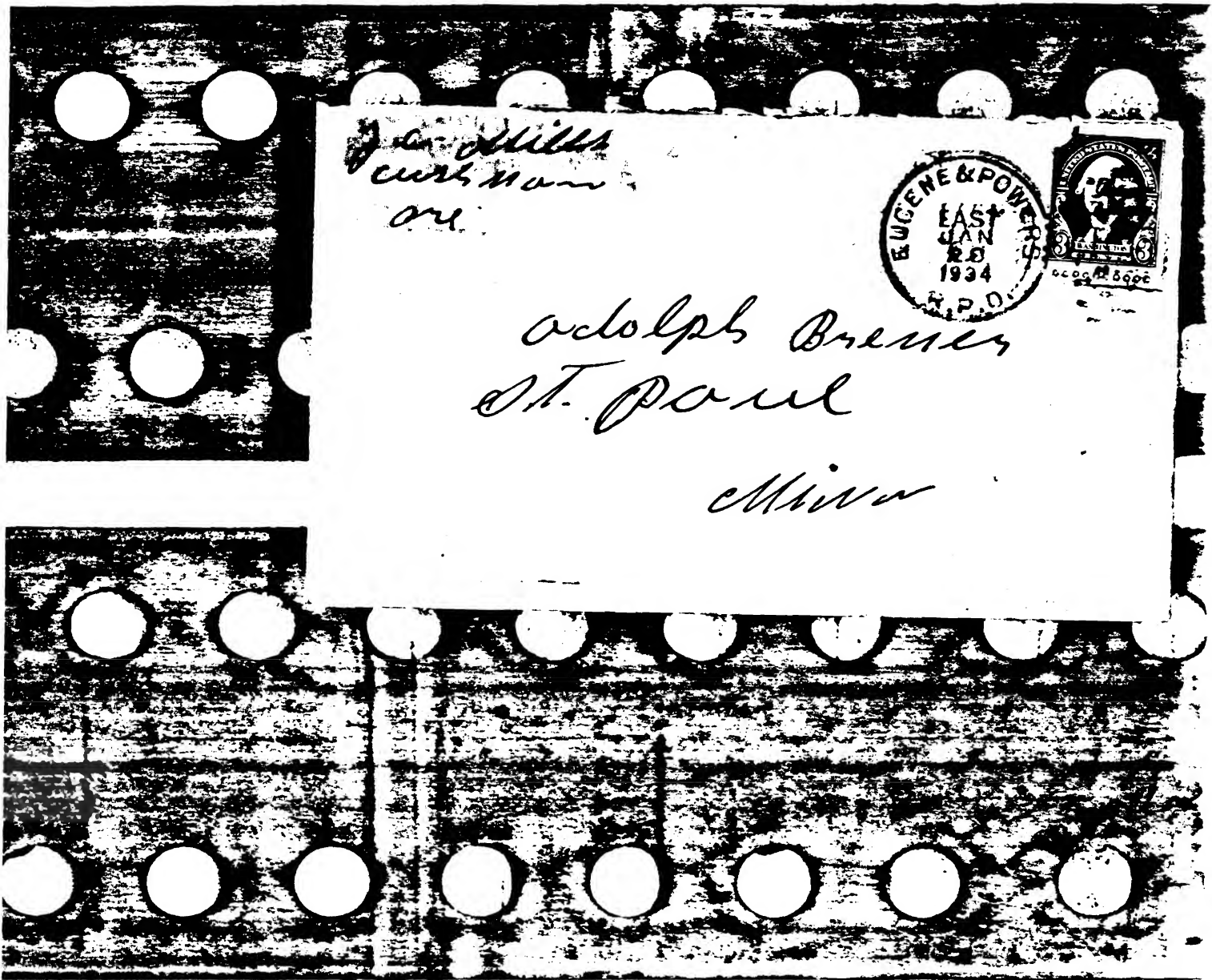
your every hand or send list
to the president.

This is what I claim of
my instrument

1 where any one is kidnapped
I can take any part of their
clothing go straight to them
2 where there is murder
I can take a part of the
wound & blood soaked
clothes go straight to the
one who committed the act
3 any one who can take
any part of their clothes
go to them where lost or
hidden

4 can take a letter, written
for extortion go straight
to the writer
all so can I take of
other things with it
my instrument is a
magnetic application
of the human energies,
which we all know as
should in the human
body is on the most
principal - as an electric

Experiments The heart is the
motor. The body is
surrounded with energy.
In a great extent
I have found the chemical
composition that with effort
and body with a will
it is very simple.
I have written the importance
of justice several times
but they have not
understood me in any form.
I am writing to be understood.
I have written several
times they never answer
or think they will think
I am crazy. They will
thought. I know. I know
all the great ideas for
until they understand to
a point. This is a situation
where a child could
understand it.



January 30, 1934.

To the Occupant of Residence
at 920 Mississippi St.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Am writing to tell you
that I sincerely believe I saw
Edward G. Bremer. Some

young gentleman was placed in
a seat at the Granada Motion
Picture Theatre at Shepherd Rd.,
Chicago, Illinois. This young man

~~was~~ seemed pretty drugged. He had
no hat or ^{on} coat on. He seemed to be a
prisoner of 3 men all dressed in black & off
one with a grey hat. A short dark awful looking
man puffing a big cigar helped him to a
seat. The young man unshined made a
sign to me. I felt I would endanger

him if I notified anyone
in Chicago - so I did not
stay for only the feature picture
and am writing to you. This

young man wore a
brand new grey suit -
I thought he slightly
resembled Bing Crosby.

I cannot give you
real name as I would
only endanger you
helping you.

Sincerely
Prayerfully

Stargan



Adolf Ziemer

920 Mississippi St.

St. Paul
Minnesota

1192 Rue St. Jacques

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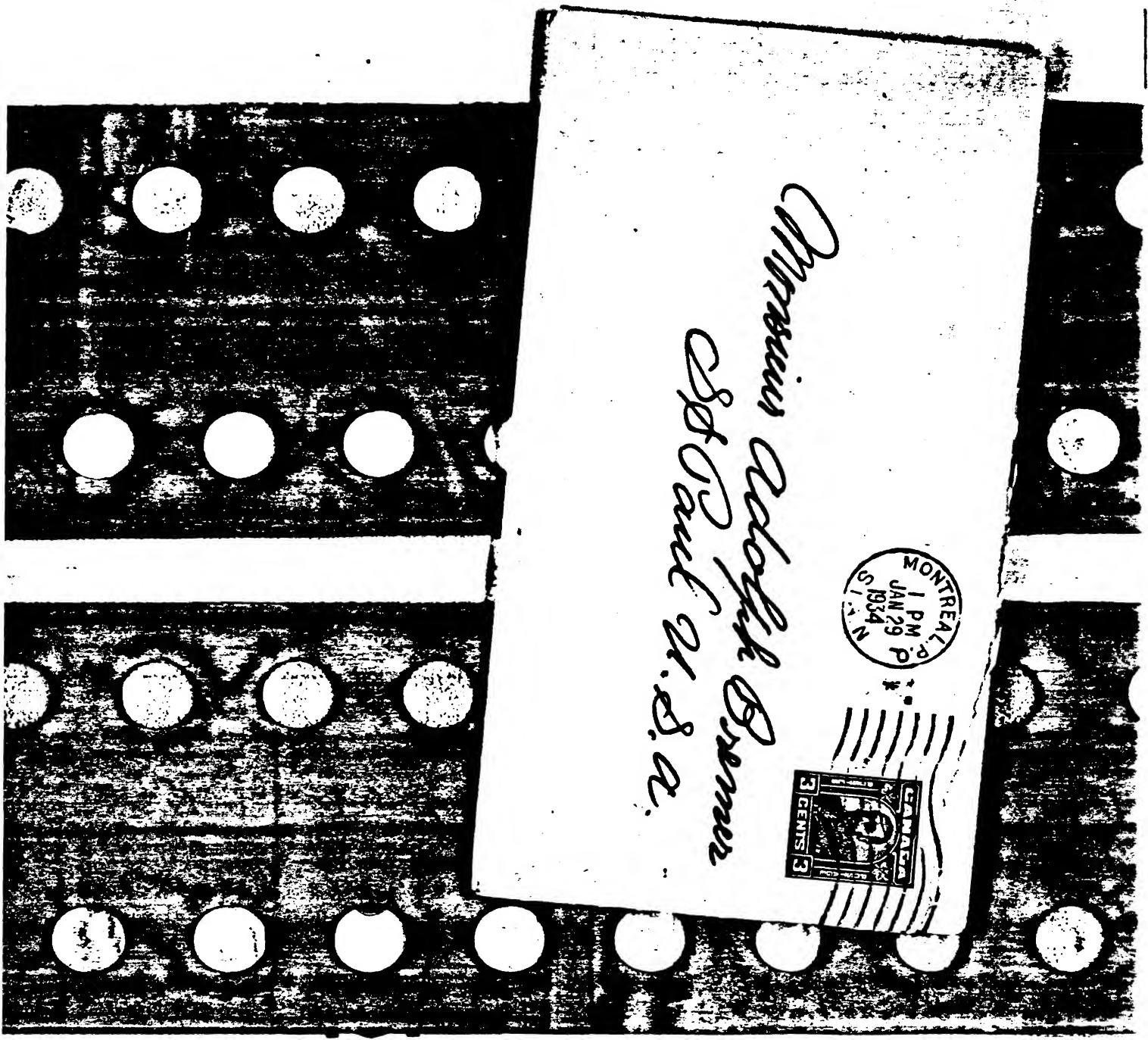
Mr Adolph Bremer
St Paul U.S.A

Monsieur

Je desire vous dire que
je crois que je suis capable de
retrouver votre fils au moyen de
procédés hypnotiques

Si vous voulez m'envoyer le prix
de mon passage aller et retour
par chemin de fer je me rendrai
chez vous

~~Adolph Bremer~~



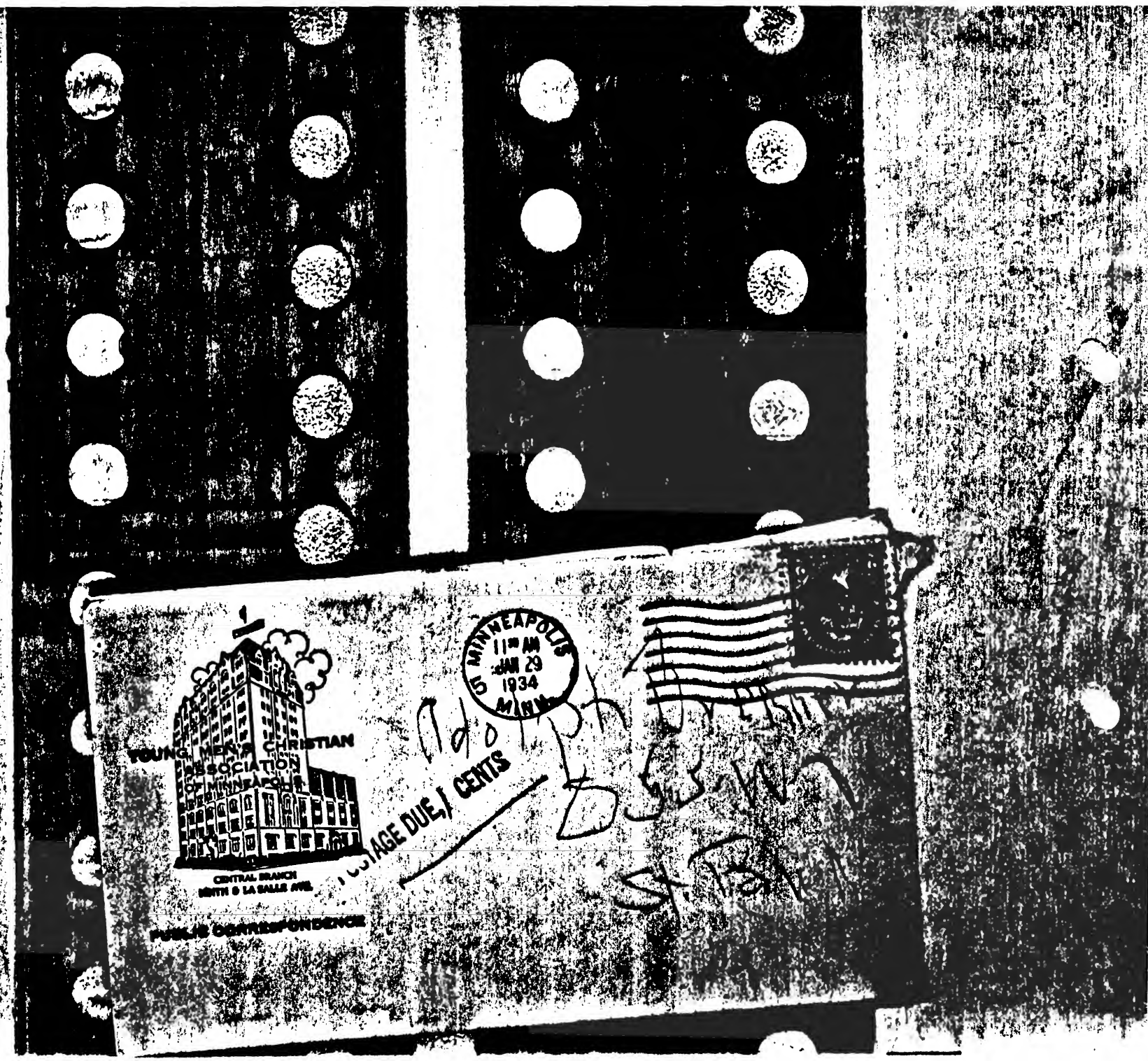
THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OF MINNEAPOLIS

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

CENTRAL BRANCH
NINTH & LA SALETTE

Dear Mr. Hanson,
I have been waiting for you
send me a letter
to this today. Gang 12
with Bob 315

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MINNEAPOLIS
JAN 29
1934

POSTAGE DUE 1 CENTS



D. J. B. 11

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, Calif.

January 30, 1934

Mr. and Mrs. Bremer
Parents of Edward G. Bremer
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir and Madam:

If your son has not yet been returned by this date there is one channel I feel would lead to something worth while. Will be glad to give you this information either at my home or yours. No charge except expense.

Can refer you to the Chamber of Commerce in my home city for reference.

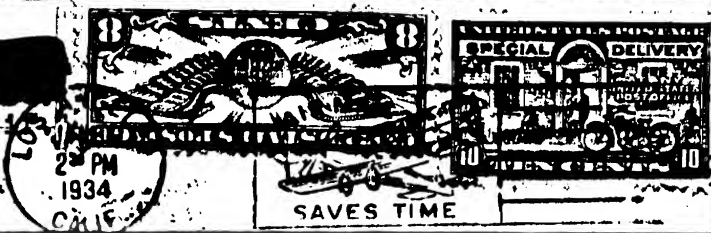
Had a brother taken many years ago under the same conditions.

Professionally I am a nurse. Please hold my identity under cover, even if you do or do not consider the suggestion.

Phone [REDACTED] You may call me at any time, day or night.

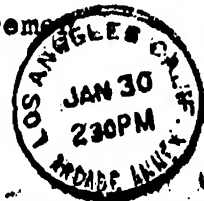
Yours respectfully,
[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, Calif.



Mr. and Mrs. Bremer
Parents of Edward G. Bremer
St. Paul, Minnesota

VIA AIR MAIL



Mr Adolph Bromer

Dear Sir,

I want to
write and tell you ^{how} very much I sympathize
with you God only knows the aching of your
heart but I put myself in your place and
I realize the agony you are going through.
But pray and put your trust in God no
harm can come to your son where God
is God guards his children where ever
they are and I pray for him every day and
know that God will bring him home
safe,

I have been thinking of a plan that I think
will make kidnapping safe at least when you
are in your car

Here is my plan

to any one who can afford a car like this I
have in mind.
have the car equipped with bullet proof glass
self locking door so when you are inside

your car no one can enter unless you open
for them, and then have your car equipped with
a siren that can be heard for many blocks
one that can be ~~used~~ released immediately
with your foot or hand and will be screaming
until you shut it off, this way any one will be
perfectly safe inside your car until ^{one} comes
and who ever is trying to do you harm will
not hang around long with that
siren screaming. Also the siren should have
a different sound than a fire engine

I hope you don't think me cross
for suggesting a thing like this
a very sympathizing Friend

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



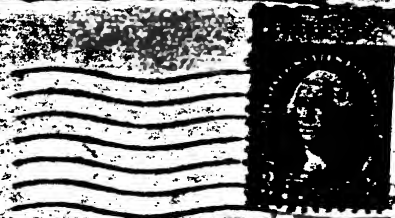
Mr Adolph Bremer
855 West Seventh
St Paul Minn

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OF MINNEAPOLIS

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

CENTRAL BRANCH
NINTH & LA SALLE

Ed will never come
any more. No more.
Your told some
some amount. Better
this today. 2d
Don't want to kill - Don't
No. Co. Pe



Adolph Bremer
255 N La Salle
St Paul

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Adolph Bremer
St. Paul, Minn.

Jan - 30 - 1934.

Dear Sir:-

I have been reading in the papers, about the kidnaping of your son. My sympathy goes out to you and I hope he is returned to you safe, and those kidnapers will be punished. I know it must be a terrible strain, I have hesitated about writing you, for I know you can't have faith in what I am going to tell you, as you never heard of it being done; but I am going to tell you, and you can act on my suggestion or not. I have a friend who, is able to trace, and find people, providing he has something they have worn, like ^{old} hat, shoe, coat collar, something that has been worn next to the body. This that gives him something to work on. From his examination of one of these things, he is able to tell right away

BY X-RAY DIAGNOSIS IS SURE

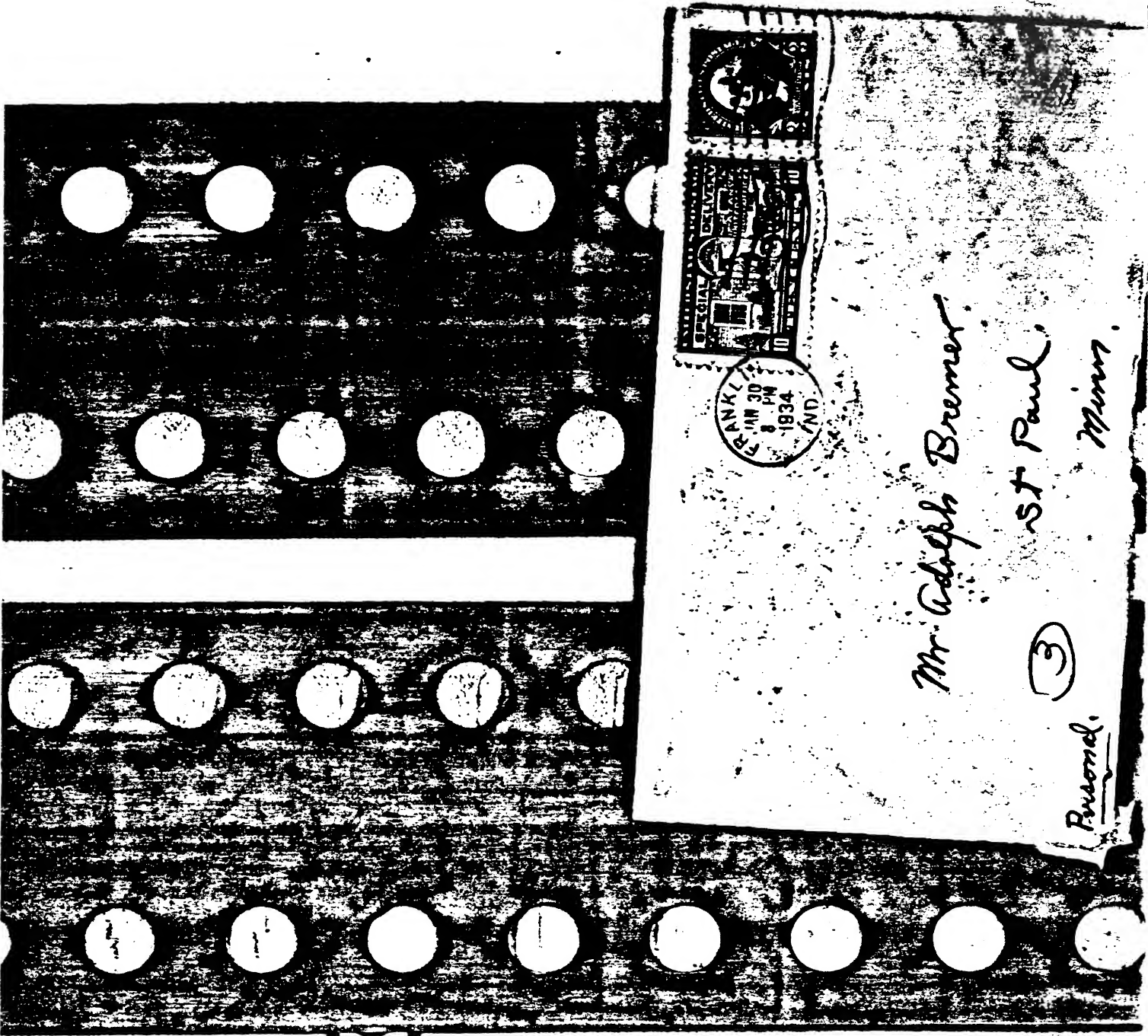
OFFICE, FRANKLIN NAT'L BANK BLDG.
OFFICE PHONE, 884; RES. PHONE, 304

Dr. J. J. [unclear]
DENTIST
Franklin, Illinois

if the person that wore this article is dead or alive. If dead
he can tell you nothing else but if alive he can tell
direction and distance to the person, thru the system he
has worked out thru science and the laws of nature he is
a Geologist, and he, and I are good friends, he has proven
to me that his system works, so that is the reason I
am writing to you, as I am the only one that has
tried him out. You send something that your son has
worn next to his body, like an old hat band, shoe and
I will have him work on it and let you know his
findings, we want to see if we can help you out.
Thru this method. If we can prove up several cases, we
might get the system used, to trace lost persons, and

Catch Kidnappers, Please let me hear from you at once.
P.S. Please tell no one about this yet.
Yours Very Truly, Dr. J. J. [unclear]

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Dear Sir Mr Nelson
I heard to your son return
I praying for his return
Safely soon a how my heart
Said out for old parents
I best advice don but it
is that may but just the
same it heart rendering
but the worst of all last
my dear Susan I fear
you are what I fear
alone when are companion
gone they got no one to
go to with your trouble
an can sympathise with you
I read about you I had
to pray to God to send
your poor boy back to

has heard him
pleading on our behalf
and for God to show him
and send him back to his
home nothing is possible
with God and you will
get this letter please answer
or return same sympathy
or show I long for our
poor hearts to rejoice and
more from Mrs. Susan
B. [illegible] Oct 163
up to God. Bless an hour
as an hour as they are
prayers will come true
answer soon as you
please yours truly Susan
B. or heard as you
are paper as don't like
it felt to see you but May
be you are kind enough to
write me with sympathy

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO



Mr. Joseph Overman
St. Paul in
Mississippi

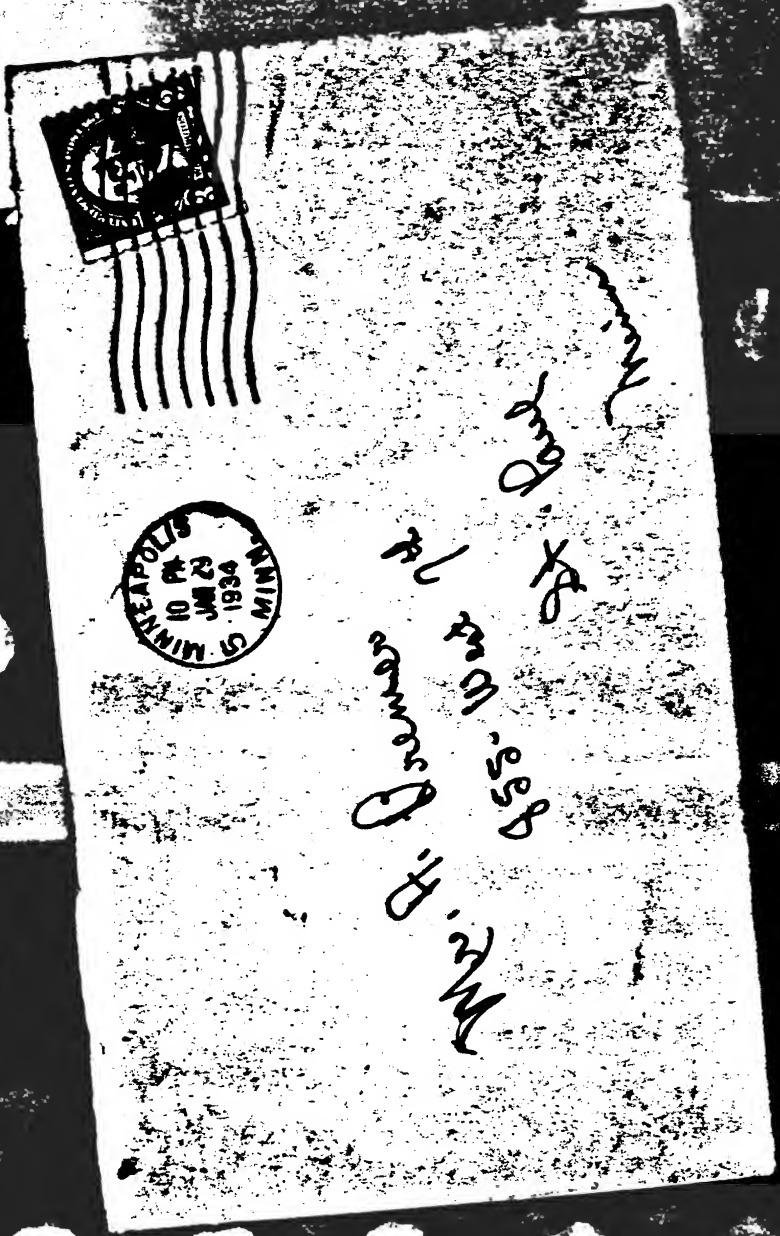
This is the last time we will try to communicate with you. Two calls have been delayed and no answer to our messages. If you choose to ignore this, that's your lookout.

He needs medical attention.

You will put the stuff in two bundles evenly divided, packed securely. If it is delivered safely, your package will be delivered safely in 10 hours allowing us a safe retreat.

Mac Gee will deliver one package to this spot - Ricel Road and Road County 6. at 11:30 AM

~~For~~ Tuesday night, you will bring the other yourself to Plymouth Av. N. and Glenwood St. at 10: PM. Sharp and will stop on top of the hill and you will reach the road side of the track and signal 2 flashes again. If this letter is opened we will not bother again. If you light 2 times to us in 24 hours. Burn it. It is to you. This is the last time we will try to communicate with you. 86



James
St. Louis, Mo.
Missouri

St. Louis, Mo.

Missouri

St Paul mine

Mr Adolph Brenner Jan 28

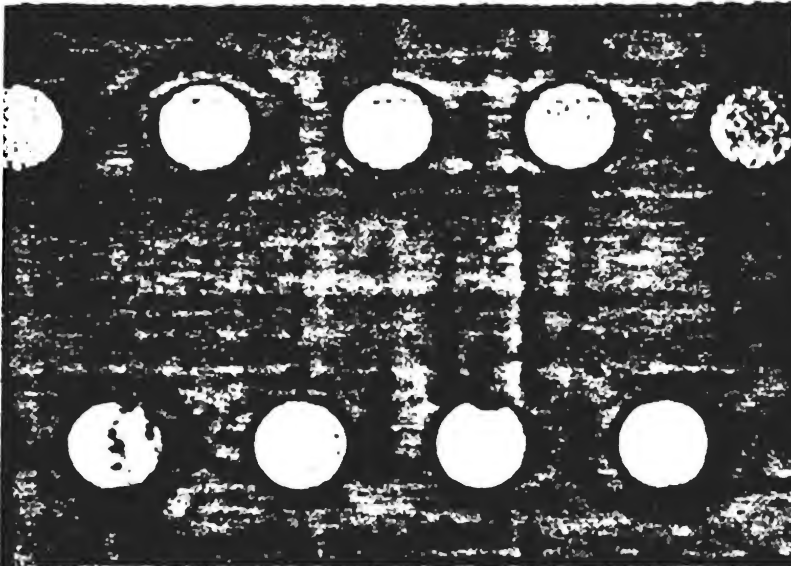
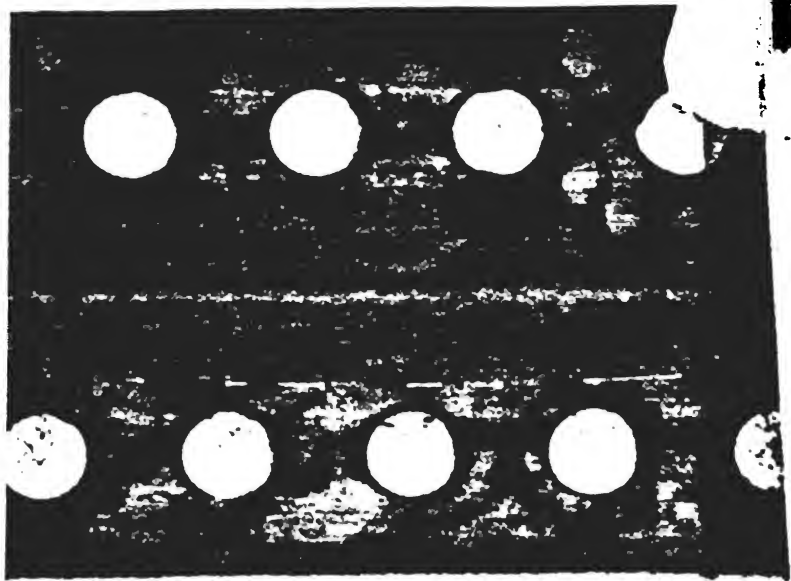
Dear Sir Somerset

If you have not had any
contact with the kidnapers in
any way by the time you get
this letter you and some one else
drive out and have a talk with
me I think I can get in contact
with them but I do not want
any thing to do with any
officer if you decide to come
out come to overine on St Paul
mine I live 1 1/2 mile from there
on the overine side do not let them
know who you are the store keeper
there can tell you the way keep
still out let it out if you come
out or it may spoil the plan
it might mark I live 7 miles
from Somerset

but if you have had any
contact with them leave me
out for it might spoil it
all hoping you see it returned
by the time this reaches you

Sincerely yours

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Somerset N.H.



Mr. H. A. Paul
St. Paul
Schmidt's
Brewery
Minneapolis
8 22 7



Kendallville Ind.

Mr. Brenner, Dear Sir,
I am writing this letter
to you to see if in
any way I could help you
about your dear son.
I know of a man that
can tell you without
fail where and what
has happened to the boy.
God knows it is
terrible to not know
on here if you want
to get him I know
you could get some
evidence of some kind
he is not expensive
he is reasonable.

Now I must tell you about
myself so you will
know this is just
a dear Mother though
you must know I
have 5 Children and
I have 2 fine Boys
and I want them
lived 1/2 mile from Kendall
on a small farm I have
lived here 10 years if
you write to me just
address it to me I get
mail here at 9 every
morning my address is
~~Kendallville Ind.~~
P. O. 3. Kendallville Ind.

he is widely known you
will not have Police in
it at all I live 30 miles
from him I would go
to see him for you
if you say let me know
please and I will do
it the more money is
in fawels.

~~The vessel is destroyed~~
~~at the time of the~~
And

in case paper are fawels.

Mr. Alvin Karpis
P.O. Box 1000
New York City

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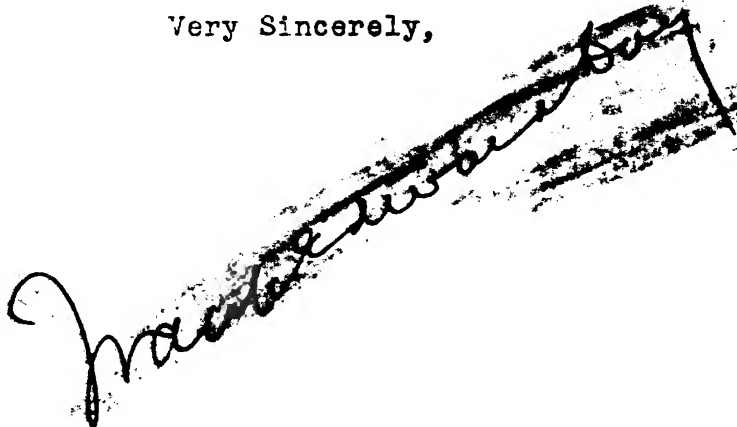
Feb. 1, 1934.

Adolph Bremer:--

I am enclosing a statement handed me by a lady of highest repute and standing, whose heart has gone out in constant sympathy and feeling for you, as has every body's heart gone out. This came to her so suddenly and strangely one night, that she felt impelled to write it out. It may be but a dream, but stranger things have happened.

Every human soul senses a protest in his heart against this inhumanity which threatens love, and home and happiness, and even government itself.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank Edward Day", written diagonally across the page.

A Suggestion to the Weary, Anxious Watchers.

Although strangers to you, the sincere sympathy of the public ~~for~~ with you hourly, and as this possible solution of your anxious waiting came to me during the night, I am sending it on for your clue.

It might be possible the Dillinger gang kidnapped your son, and took him to Ariz for safety, but after locking him up in some secluded place until further action was made, they ~~Gang~~ were captured and placed in jail, leaving their victim in a cell, where he cannot escape or speak while the gang have been taken to another state.

This is a possibility and as such a search all round the place of the Dillinger hideout would and could prove a solution for the long silence from the kidnapped man.

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Dr. Day will answer all calls on his phone at all times

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MORNING WORSHIP: 11:00 O'CLOCK

PRELUDE: DOXOLOGY: INVOCATION: HYMN NO. 171

CONFESSION OF FAITH --- The Apostles' Creed

CALL TO PRAYER: "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple, Let
All The Earth Keep Silence: CHOIR

"LET US PRAY:" The Pastor: "AMEN"! CHOIR

PASTORAL PRAYER: ---Closing With The Lord's Prayer.

THE ANTHEM: "Softly And Tenderly Jesus is Calling":
Thompson. CHOIR

(Incidental Solo: Don Harvey)

THE PSALTER: Page 5; 4th Sunday Morning.

THE GLORIA PATRI: Choir and Congregation.

THE GOSPEL: I, 30-51.

THE OFFERTORY: "All Things Come Of Thee O Lord,
and Of Thine Own Have We Given
Thee." Choir and Congregation.

SERMON: "Thinking". By The Pastor.

HYMN: No. 304. BENEDICTION.

"The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee": CHOIR

POSTLUDE.

OTHER SERVICES

10:00 A.M. The Sunday School.

6:00 P.M. The League is to be the guest of the
Joyce Church Epworth League tonight.
Transportation will be furnished. It
will be necessary for those who go to
be at our church at 5:30 sharp. Let's
have a good crowd.

BUILDING NOTES

As the work proceeds, everybody is able to see the
beauty and convenience which will make the new edi-
fice a pride to the whole of Brookside.-- It will
be fine to hear the bell chime out our calls to ser-
vice. In the old church the room was so enclosed
that the tone was muffled, and the bell was so heavy
it endangered the poorly supported construction.--
It was not thought that the balcony room had direct
heat, but the pastor learns in a talk with Mr. Welles
that not only has that room heat, but the vestibule
as well, will have direct heat. Thanks, Mr. Welles.

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EVERY DAY: 6:00 to 6:30 A.M. Morning Devotions over
WRHM: MONDAY, Rev. T. B. Shorts, Epworth Methodist
Church; TUESDAY, Dr. Charles Nelson Pace, Dist. Supt.;
WEDNESDAY, Rev. A. D. Brokaw, Fifth Ave. Congregation-
al; THURSDAY, Rev. Henry Soltau, Brooklyn Center;
FRIDAY, Rev. Cecil Sparks, Forest Heights Congrega-
tional; SATURDAY, Dr. T. W. Stout, Richfield Metho-
dist. It will pay you to tune in--good music and
inspiring messages.

WEDNESDAY: The first thing Wednesday is the monthly
luncheon for the Sunday School, with officers and
teachers and friends: The hosts will be Mesdames
G. A. Holmquist and Andy Nelson, at Mrs. Holmquist's
home, 4032 Webster.

WEDNESDAY: The second thing, but of equal importance,
is the Choir Practice at Mrs. Frank Hladky's home,
4148 Brookside Ave., at 7:30 P.M. If only every mem-
ber will be steady in attendance, the dedication day
music will be superb.

THURSDAY: Scout Troop 102 at Brookside School, 7:15.
This troop will be our guests at the morning service,
February 11th, when Boy Scout week will climax
throughout the nation.

PARISH NEWS

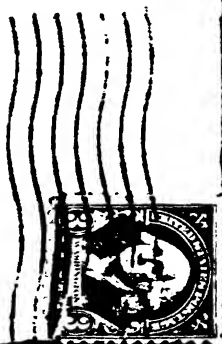
Jeanie Ludwig had so far recovered Saturday that it
was planned to return her home today. --Dr. Day paid
a flying business to several towns between here and
Duluth this week in a search of a little rest from
heavy pressure. He came back after finding what he
sought. --The entertainment, "The World's All Right"
went over big, and this church thanks the great num-
ber from other churches and those with no church mem-
bership for their help. It was notable.

POINTS

The Only Failure is to admit failure.--Contentment is
the only sure wealth;--you can't deposit it in a
bank.--Good manners must first be in the soul, then
actions are graceful.--Laziness today, is the thief
that steals your tomorrow.

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Adolph Bremer,
855 W. 7th. St.,
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"SEACHURCH" N. Y.

Jan 30/34

Dear Sir:

There would be no kidnaping for money if no money were paid for kidnaping.

Sympathy for the victim often causes us to lose sight of the social duty of preventing his friends from taking such course as will endanger the lives, liberties and property of others.

Paying ransom to kidnapers is doing just that, and there should be a law making it offense.

The law of "today" - protects the kidnaper by refusing to prosecute the person who pay him for his crime.

And now - I beg to offer my services to you
dear Sir:

I am a young man of the age 29 yrs.
During "War time" I have served in [redacted]
[redacted] as a [redacted] after the
"War" served 10 yrs in Merchantile Marine
and worked for the [redacted]
now out of business. -

I am married, have the most wonderful
wife, and lots of hard times, being
unemployed for the past nine months,
and so not having anything else to do,
I have been studying "Your" sons cause -
and I could understand as how you must
feel about it. -

The government, the city police, the "news hounds"
and other men, and many others failed -
You need a man, who can work
in almost "anywhere" he can get
and when time comes, he will know
how to manage him, save him and
honor of others, and bring the

3)
'gangster' to the justice.

I am offering myself to you, Dear Sir. My home is broken - I am staying away from my wife, because I feel that I must not share the 'little' what 'She' may earn - and I feel that I must earn money, for support of my wife and give her back all, what the terrible time, have taken away from us. -

I am death broke, - I cannot travel the great distance on my own expences - I am willing to starve, where the government, State and City Police failed, only you must helped me to get over, and to get some 'close' so I can overtake this dangerous 'Mission' - and bring the 'racketeer' in the hands of the law. - -

4)

And to give you a security that I am
on the "label" - I am willing to
travell with my "wife" and let
her stay with you until I find
your son - death or live.

You may send somebody to N.Y. to get me
I be ready, and I am shure, that with a
"Gods" help we all be happy again
soon - stop worrying for a while,

If you will give me the chance
and hire me, please keep tis better
from the "news-hounds" and all
activities, because the real "success"
defense on utmost secrecy and
lives could be have only one.

Pay no money to nobody, you may
be tricked - as they tricked
Col. Lindberg; wait till I come
and I believe that a man of my
calibre could be very useful
and successfull.

4.)

I have find a little job now, so I may be
located any evening starting to day
at the

Belmore Cafeteria

404 - Sixth ave New-York.

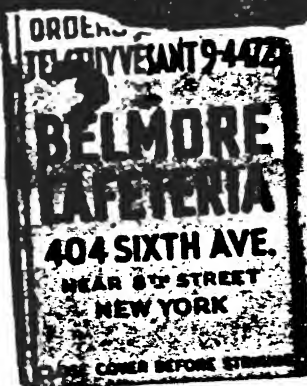
I am working here as a night 'bus-boy'
from 6 P.M. - 5 A.M. I be here for the next
five days, because I was hired as a
extry man.

Hope to hear from you soon
I remain respectfully

Frank J. Mahnet.

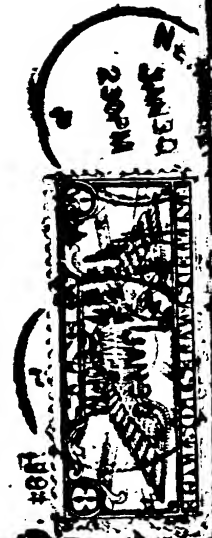
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Star Mail

Mr. *Stall Bremer*
5/6. *Paul Schmidt Camp.*
St. Paul
Min.

Fort Meade Fla.

Jan 28 - 1934

Mr Adolph Brenner

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr Brenner:

I have read in our Daily Tampa Tribune about your son being kidnaped. I do not believe any one else could sympathize with you more than I do for I know what it is to lose one you love so dearly. I lost a niece I raised, Nov. 22 - 1933. I loved her good, but we have to just look to God for help.

Mr Brenner are you a Christian? if you are - why then you will not need my advice, but if you are not, then please let me

help you. I have been praying for
some time now for a message to take
to you wealthy people that will stop
this kidnaping. my heart has been
burden for you all some time, it has
been terrible how much kidnaping
has been going on for the last few
months. Now I remember God says if
we keep His word and do His will
we can ask any thing in His name
and He will do it. Do you rich people
Fathers? you know Abraham gave
a tenth of every thing he made and
God wonderfully blessed him took good
care of him, I believe if you all will
give a tenth of what God blesses
you to have each week and serve
God in every way turn away

from every thing that is evil and do
God's will. I believe with all my
heart kidnapping will stop. I have two
messages one to ask you wealthy
people to give a tenth to God's cause
and one more to deliver to the
President and should he do what
I ask him to do and you all do
what I am asking you to do - why
just Praise God and give Him
the Praise should it prove successful.

I noticed in one paper
where you was sick I was an invalid
for five years I didn't go out of
my house but once and then my
husband took me to the Hospital.
I will be glad to help you get your
health back if you want me to and
Mr. Brener

Because it may seem queer to you
but should you have any question
you would like to ask ^{me} in regards to
any thing you want to know - you
may write me and I will get an
answer from our Lord in regards
to yes or no.

I would be so glad to have a
talk with you but I suppose that is
impossible so if you are interested
just write me and ask me any
question you wish and I will
answer as soon as possible. I
would glad to give you scriptures
that God intends for us to give
a tenth to His cause. you may say
well I am rich & dont have to
obey God like poor people does

but God say He is no respecter of
person and he expect you wealthy
people to love for Him and do His
will as He does us. my hearts
certainly goes out to the wealthy it
looks like there is no Peace for
them. I am praying that you will
help me get this message to each
one of you then I do pray that our
President will help me too, and then
let's pray to God that ^{He} will take care
of you all too.

I hope I will hear from you
soon as possible. You may feel
free to ask me every thing you wish
for I do not cast my alms before
men, it will be only between me
and my God that will know it.

may God bless you and help
you to bear your burden.

A friend in Christ

For Meade, Fla.

Jan 29-1934

Dear Mrs. Parmer: I had a message
this morning to tell you that Walter
Magee is the one that has kidnaped your
son he may claim to be a friend - but he
isn't; please let no one know I have told
you this only get you a good detective
and have him to watch him, don't let him
out of his sight and you will find out
in a few days what he has done - should
you find ^{out} what I have told you to be true
please do not give my name if you
want to say anything about it at all
just say a child of God told you. For
I have something else I want to tell

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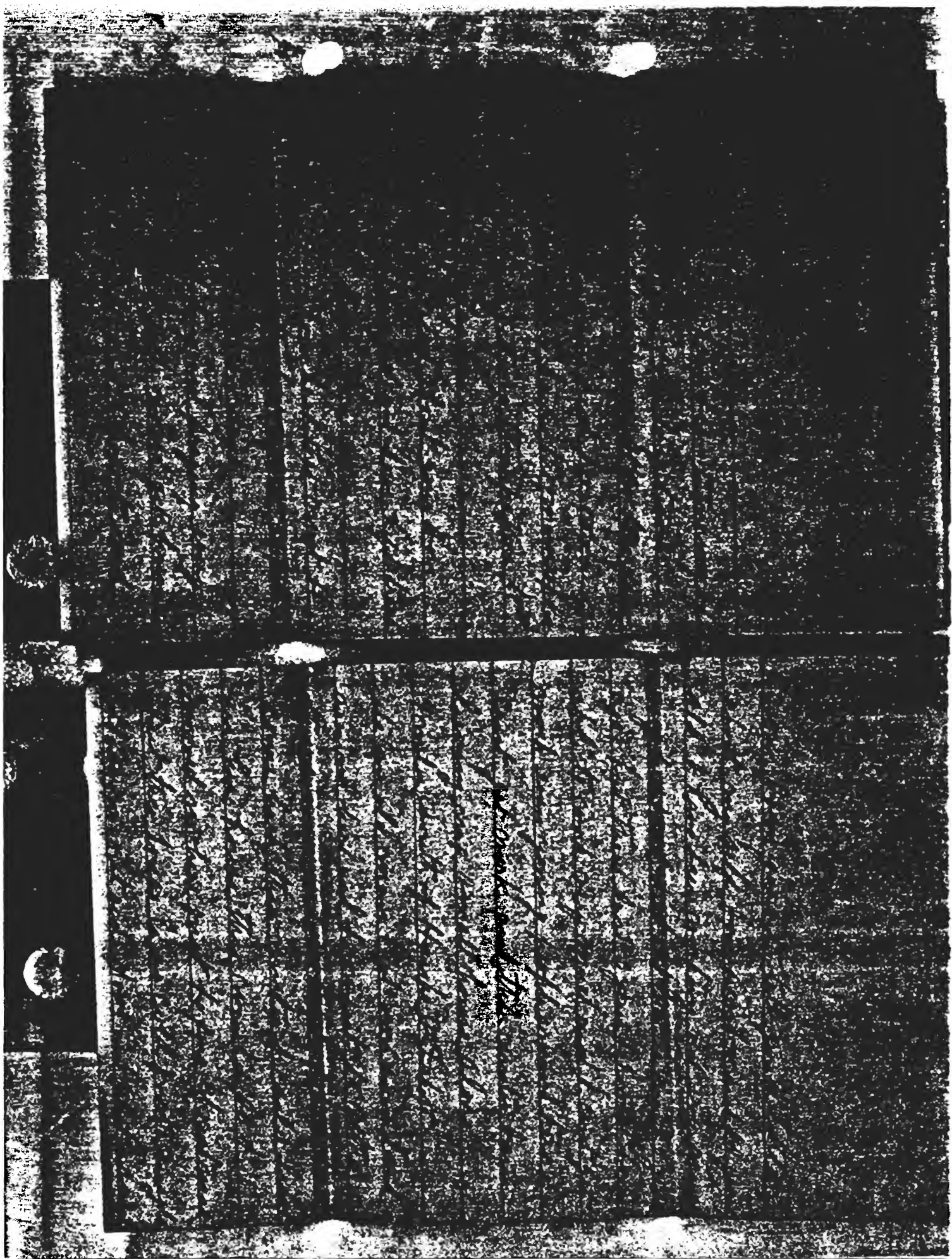
you too, and I do not care for publicity
it is God that needs the praise.

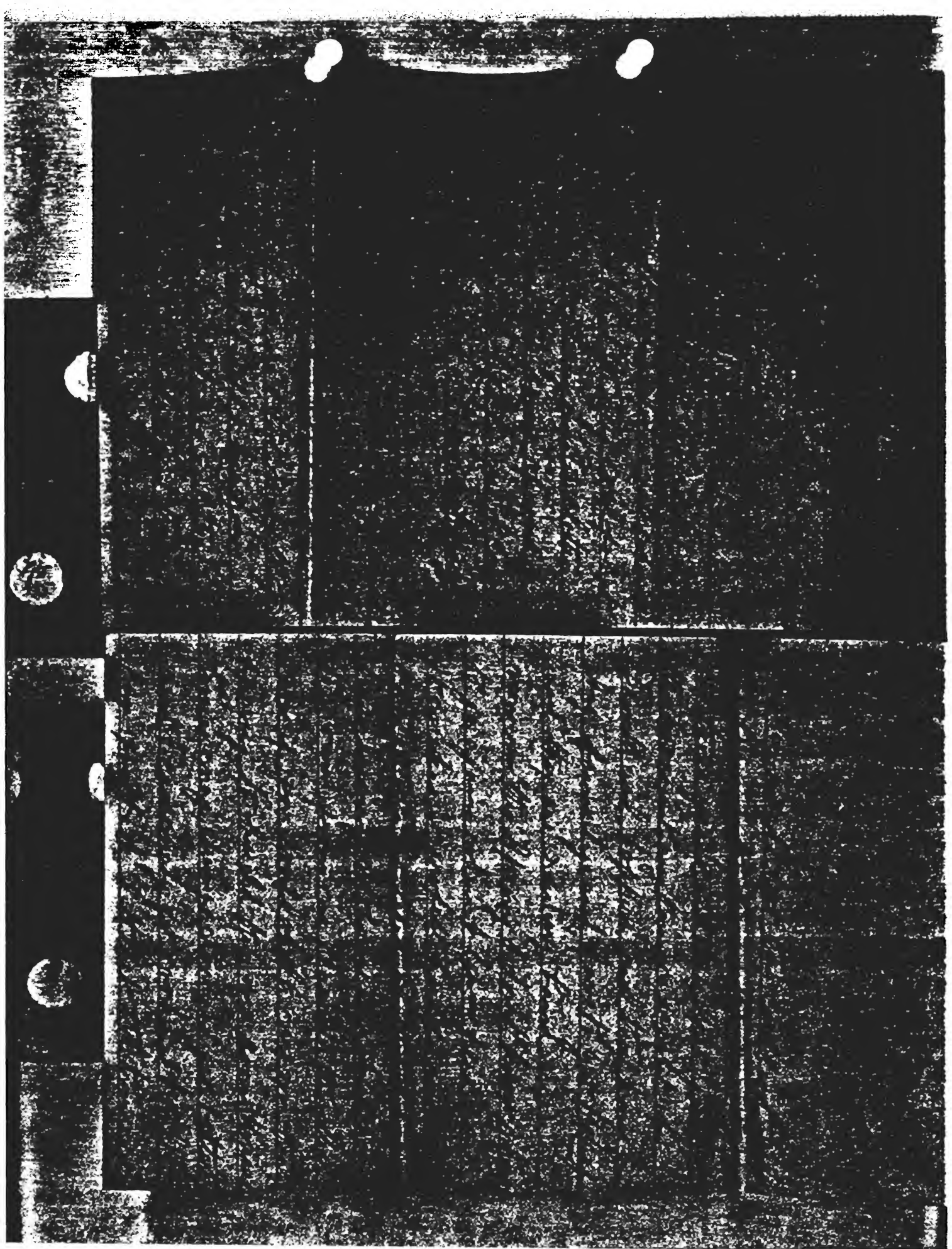
I feel so sorry ^{for} you, and may
God strengthen you to bear your
burden. Please believe what I have
told you, and make an investigation
at once and keep it a secret until
you can see for your self what
that man has done.

A friend in Christ
Mrs. [unclear]

Mr Adolph Jensen
% Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co.,
St. Paul, Minn.









Adolph Bremer
855 W.
Personal Seventh St.
St. Paul

United States Post Office

Hibbing, Minn.

Feb. 5-1934.

Postmaster,

St Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir:

The inclosed letter addressed to Mr Adolph Bremer
was dropped at this office without a stamp attached
and am forwarding same to you to be delivered postage
due, not knowing whether same is the work of some crank
or might be of value to addressee.

Sincerely yours,

MARTIN T. HALEY, Postmaster

Postmaster.

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Hitting Min Feb 3 1934

To

The Bremer Family St Paul

My heart felt sympathy
is with you. I don't think of the

Son dead a vision came to me

last Sunday after noon between

3 & 4 o'clock P.M. I was sleeping

I dreamed of a man dressed in

a gray suit carried out of a

lonely looking place to a

shabby looking car my door

bell rang woke me before my

vision was finished at

Man at his feet another at his shoulder

I didn't see the man's face it was

covered his body was bent as live

people's body do, it seemed to me he was

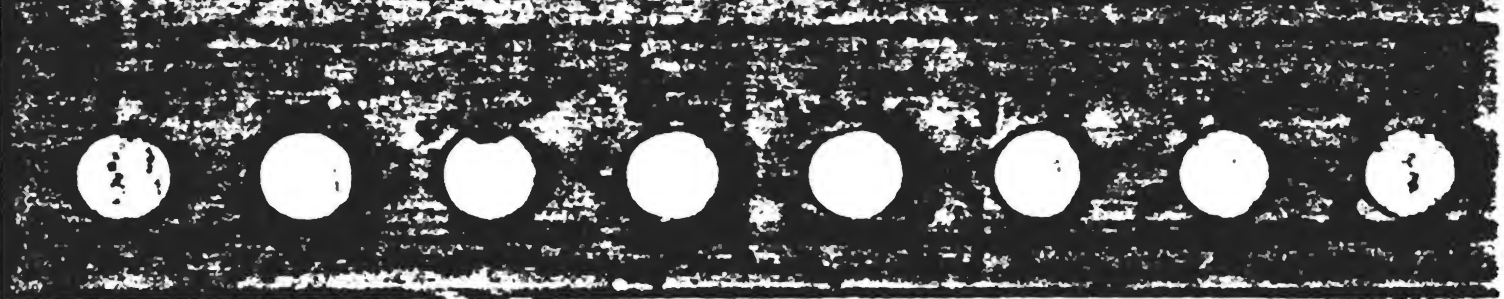
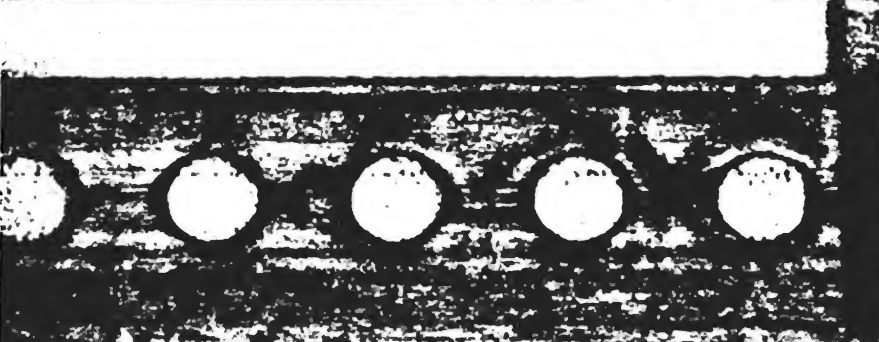
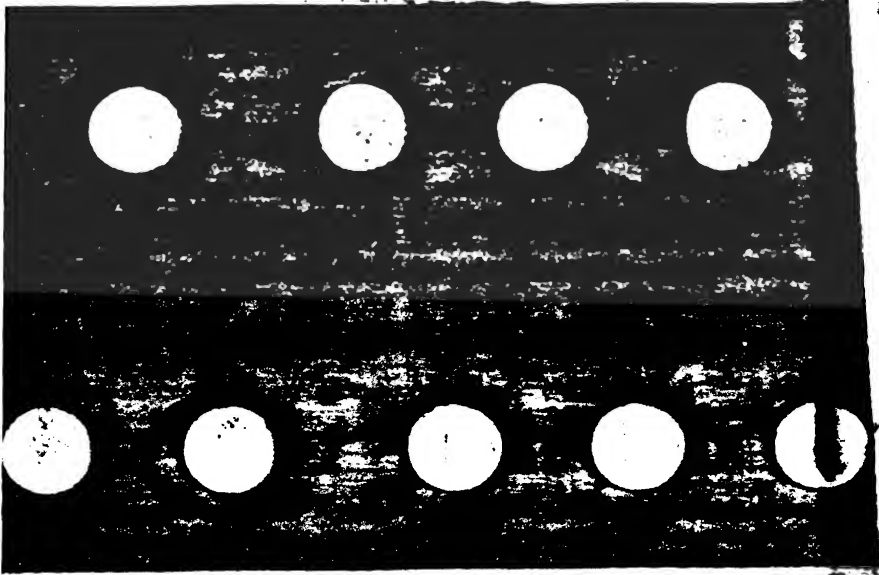
about 5' 6" he was a stout man

I am still praying for him, I think he lives

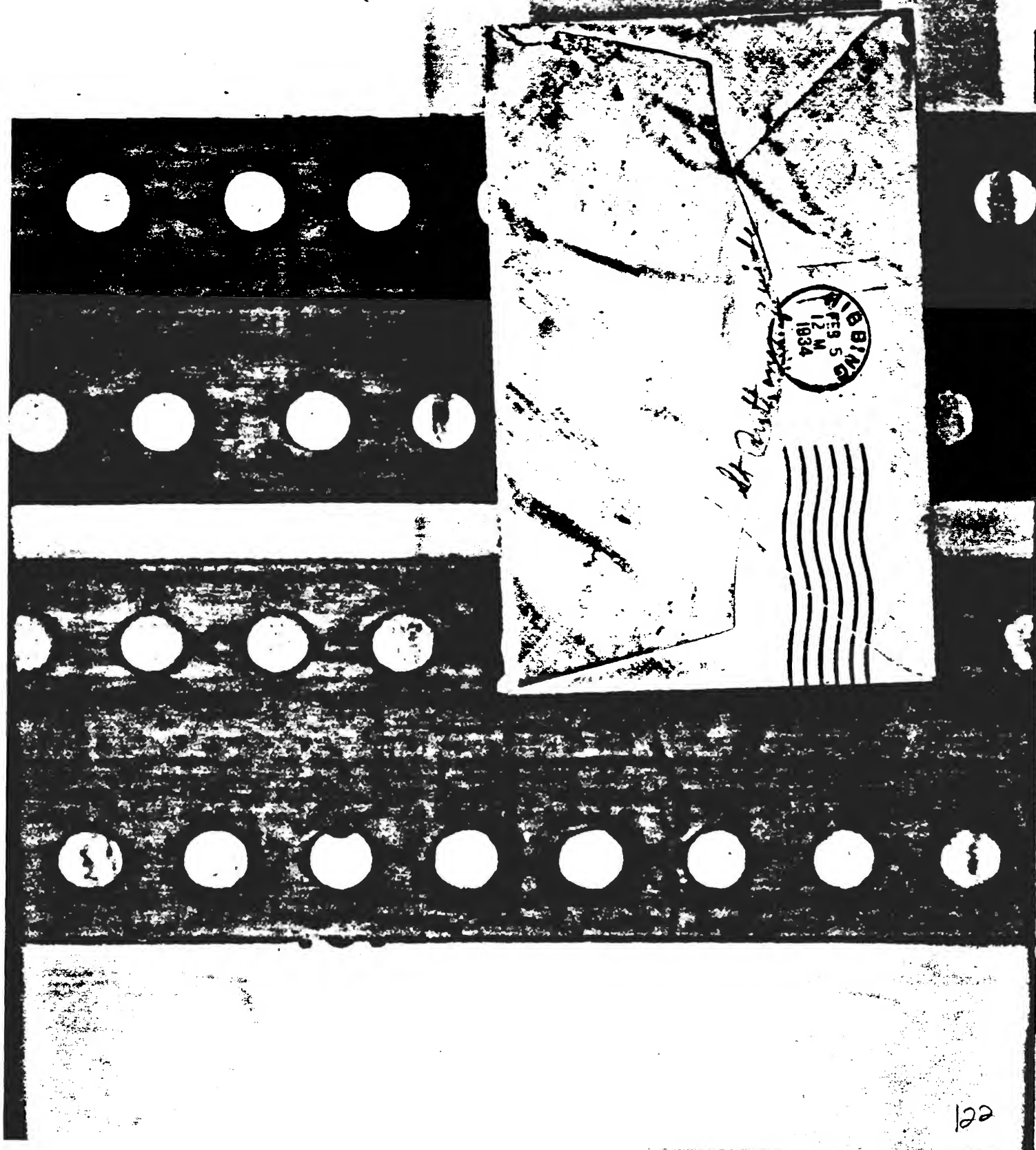
I had vision after vision about Baby
Linburg I wrote them, but never heard
back I know that child never was on the
water, but the blood of that innocent babe has
cried to heaven for vengeance which he
donors to God along perhaps he died
to save your son, and others I believe
Don't think this strange dear people
There is a little Catholic Church where
French people go and ask for
God this the power God gave St Anthony
to bring back your son I have then
answered that you will be; just
go there write your request and promise
what ever you wish in money to buy
bead for St Anthony's poem you
don't leave money at the time just
the request if you are one then give
what you promised I am sure
you will hear from your son
There is nothing impossible for
God dear people, I think this Church
is called St Louis it was called that 40
years ago when I asked a request there
and I was answered I know you will be
You can ask any person can tell you about it

when bad women can be put down we
will have no bad men bad women and
fire ready in causing all trouble to day
I look for news from your school in
a short time be sure and go to school
as I did 4 years ago ask and you will
renewed will play good to me you all
please dont mention my name
O... I... ble old and gray a long 77 years
old all that time in mine, I ask God to bless
and comfort you and your people
faithfully and sincerely yours

Mrs. D. M. [unclear] (per Annie)
Please dont mention my name to
any persons, I am afraid of that class
of women many Hibbing is filled with
them coming here from trucking in
Minnesota and the Dakas. Crowding out
our own people I cannot pay my taxes
16 or 18 dollars only



Mr Adolph Bremer
St Paul
Minn
Personal in care of Bank



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1934.

Bremer

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LIST OF BANK NOTES PAID AS RANSOM IN KIDNAPING CASES

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J. E. Hoover

Director,
Division of Investigation,
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DIRECTOR

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Butte, Montana	302 Federal	2-4734
Charlotte, N. C.	1806 First National Bank	3-4127
Chicago, Illinois	1900 Bankers'	Andover 2411
Cincinnati, Ohio	426 U. S. Custom House & P.O.	Cherry 0768
Dallas, Texas	Post Office	2-7985
Detroit, Michigan	625 Lafayette	Cadillac 2835
El Paso, Texas	1331 First National Bank	Main 501
Jacksonville, Fla.	412 U. S. Court House & P. O.	5-8209
Kansas City, Mo.	Federal, Suite L	Victor 3113
Los Angeles, Calif.	617 Federal	Mutual 2201
New Orleans, La.	326½ Post Office	Raymond 1965
New York, N. Y.	370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403	Caledonia 5-8691
Oklahoma City, Okla.	224 Federal	2-8204
Philadelphia, Pa.	735 Philadelphia Saving Fund	Walnut 2213
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1206 Law and Finance	Grant 2727
Portland, Oregon	411 United States Court House	Atwater 6171
Salt Lake City, Utah	Room 503a U.S. Court House & P.O.	Wasatch 1797
San Antonio, Texas	1216 Smith-Young Tower	Fannin 8052
San Francisco, Calif.	318 Hewes	Exbrook 0818
St. Louis, Mo.	801 Title Guaranty	Central 1650
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Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,

at the above city and address.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER.
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1934.

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MR. Nathan	✓
MR. Tolson	✓
MR. Clegg	
MR. Cowley	
MR. Edwards	
MR. Egan	
MR. Quinn	✓
MR. Lester	
MR. Looke	
MR. Rorer	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called. He advised no new information has been received by him or our office there. He advised, however, that the numbers which have been sequenced here should be set up and typed and distributed to all of our field offices and our offices instructed to hold them until a telegram telling them to forward the numbers of the bills delivered to the kidnapers is sent to the field offices.

Mr. Nathan called attention to the likelihood that a large number of the bills are on the Ninth Federal Reserve Bank at Minneapolis and that a statement to this effect might be made on the list if it is found to be worth while. He suggested that the list be examined with this in view.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Edwards asked to
proceed - Day & night shifts.
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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

In compliance with your request, please find attached hereto a memorandum prepared, reflecting the number of banks (National and State) in each field office district.

This tabulation was prepared for the purpose of sending out circulars from the Seat of Government, a copy of which should be made available, I believe, to Mr. Renneberger.

From the files reviewed, I find that Special Agent in Charge Fay of the New York office has made arrangements to notify auxiliary offices that, in the event it becomes necessary to circularize banks located in Canada, the arrangements have been made through his office. Should it become necessary to send out circulars to the various field offices, for the purpose of distributing them to banks located in their districts, I would suggest that at least 100 additional copies be added to the number of banks listed.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn

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The following tabulation shows the number of national and state banks in the various field office districts:

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of Banks</u>
Birmingham	786
Boston	469
Butte	231
Charlotte	381
Chicago	1086
Cincinnati	1295
Dallas	440
Detroit	690
El Paso	148
Jacksonville	296
Kansas City	2231
Los Angeles	124
New Orleans	359
New York	1383
Canada	<u>3890</u>
Oklahoma City	5273
Philadelphia	740
Pittsburgh	720
Portland	703
Salt Lake City	369
San Antonio	337
San Francisco	538
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St. Paul	926
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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR,
EQUIPMENT SECTION

With regard to the pamphlets being prepared in your Unit listing therein the numbers appearing on the bills paid as ransom in the Bremer case pending at St. Paul, I wish that you would send the first 5,000 booklets printed immediately to the St. Paul Office of the Division by registered mail, special delivery.

I am attaching hereto a copy of a list prepared showing the number of national and state banks in the various field office districts.

Further shipments of these pamphlets, as they are completed, should be transmitted to the Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Detroit and Salt Lake City Offices in the order named. In other words, I desire that these pamphlets be distributed to all banks in the vicinity of St. Paul at the earliest possible moment. After each field office has received its necessary quota in order to distribute them among the banks in each field office district, you should arrange to forward to each field office a sufficient number in order that they may be distributed to all law enforcement officials in each district, or in other words the same number of pamphlets should be forwarded as identification orders.

As previously instructed, this matter should receive your most expeditious attention, in order that the printing and assembling of these pamphlets may be completed at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 631662.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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J. Edgar Hoover
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Edward G. Bremer*

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

February 7, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects; Edward G. Bremer,
Victim. Kidnaping. b7d

Enclosed, herewith, is a letter signed "N.R.A." together with the envelope in which it was mailed by Special Delivery [redacted] postmarked Chicago, Illinois, 11 A.M., February 6, 1934. There is also enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter which was enclosed with the above mentioned letter, to be forwarded [redacted] to Adolf Bremer at St. Paul. This enclosure is marked "Obscene".

United States Attorney Dwight H. Green called the writer to his office today and advised that an attorney [redacted] had brought these letters to his office. Mr. Green advised [redacted] It is to be noted that in the letter the individual signing himself N.R.A. requests [redacted] to act as a go-between in an effort to collect ransom money from the Bremer family. [redacted] did not want to act as a go-between, nor did he desire to have it known that he had turned these letters over to the Government. In order to eliminate any possibility of the fact that he had turned these letters over to Mr. Green becoming known [redacted] stated that he desired to mail the enclosures for Mr. Bremer to Mr. Bremer, but that this office could retain the original letter addressed to him.

It is noted that in the photostated letter enclosed, mention is made of an advertisement which should appear in the Chicago Tribune. [redacted] advised Mr. Green that [redacted] suggested that if this Ad were inserted, the following words might be added: "The lawyer refuses to act in this matter", thus indicating to the writer of the letter that [redacted] would not act as a go-between.

Assistant Director Harold Nathan was communicated with by telephone at St. Paul and the substance of these letters given to him, and he advised that he believed that these individuals were apparently not the kidnapers of

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Edward Bremer, inasmuch as their reference to the N.R.A. did not identify them as such. He further suggested that it would be well to let [redacted] forward the letter for Mr. Bremer to Mr. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, so that the matter would be carried out in the same manner as was contemplated by the writer of the letter.

Accordingly, the enclosures meant for Mr. Bremer were returned to United States Attorney Green for transmittal to [redacted] to be forwarded by him to Mr. Adolf Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota. [redacted] has been instructed to immediately turn over any further communications which he may receive from this individual.

Attached to the St. Paul copies of this letter are photostatic copies of the letter addressed to [redacted] as well as photostatic copies of the letter which was enclosed for [redacted] to forward to Mr. Bremer and which are marked "Obscene".

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
February 7, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,
Kidnaping

Enclosed herewith in a cellophane envelope is a letter received by Mr. Dickman of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, mailed at Chicago, Illinois, February 4, 1934. This letter was transmitted to this office by the St. Paul Office, under date of February 5, 1934.

In accordance with the request in the enclosed letter, the following advertisement has been placed in the Personal column of the CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE dated February 8 and 9, 1934 -

"L.P. Wire me collect, care Western Union, Chicago, where I can meet you. Signed, Garr"

This office will keep in touch with the Western Union Telegraph Company to ascertain whether the individual signing himself L.P. will follow the directions in the above advertisement, and such action as is necessary will then be taken.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

FILE NO. 7-15

REPORT MADE AT: NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-7-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-6-34	REPORT MADE BY: H. A. TAYLOR
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER (VICTIM)		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: U. E. Hardin, Attorney, Lake Charles, La., advises he has no knowledge as to whereabouts of Paula Harmon; last heard from her around middle of 1932, shortly after her suit was settled for \$3,250.00. No photograph available. Marriage record obtained reflecting marriage, July 12, 1932, between Paula Harmon and Doyle Benton, at Lake Charles, La. No writing of subjects in New Orleans files of interest.</p> <p align="center">R.U.C.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Dallas Division Office dated 1-30-34. Report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, 1-31-34. Letter from St. Paul Office dated 1-28-34.</p> <p align="center">AT LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA.</p> <p>DETAILS: C. E. Hardin, Attorney, Weber Building, brother of Assistant United States Attorney J. Fair Hardin, of the Western District of Louisiana, was interviewed. Mr. Hardin advised that he had instituted suit for Paula Harmon in May 1932 against the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts, for injuries received as a result of an automobile accident which had occurred in January 1932 in Lake Charles, Louisiana, while Paula was driving with her brother, W. W. Brannon. Mr. Hardin stated that the suit was settled on June 8, 1932, for \$3,250.00, without going to trial, and</p>			
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that shortly thereafter Paula Harmon had received her share of the settlement. Mr. Hardin saw Paula on one occasion thereafter, at Lake Charles, at which time she told him she had just married Doyle Benton at Lake Charles. This meeting occurred shortly after settlement of the suit.

Mr. Hardin advised that he had had no photographs of Paula Harmon made, and that he had none in his files. He stated that at the time the suit was pending Paula had brought several photos of herself taken prior to the accident for the purpose of trial, to show her appearance prior to the accident, but that after the suit was settled these photographs were returned to her. Mr. Hardin advised that the accident had left slight scars on either side of the bridge of her nose; and that the sinus bones of her face were smashed and gave her face a somewhat flattened appearance; that she was not terribly disfigured.

Mr. Hardin further advised that Paula formerly lived with her brother, W. W. Brannon, 1151 Forrest Drive, Port Arthur, Texas, and at 515 1/2th Street, Port Arthur, Texas, but had long since moved, as letters written to her by him had been returned; further, that Paula has a sister-in-law, Mrs. English Brannon, who resides at 1423 Proctor Street, Port Arthur, Texas; and this sister-in-law has a sister, Mrs. Jewel Garth, living in Port Arthur, whose husband, Mr. Garth, works for the Firestone Station on Proctor Street, Port Arthur, Texas. She also has a brother-in-law, Jesse Hamilton, who once acted as City Manager of Port Arthur, Texas, temporarily, and is reputed to be a reliable man.

Paula Harmon was described by Mr. Hardin and his secretary, Miss Elsie Whitman, as follows:

Name:	MRS. PAULA HARMON
Age:	28-32
Height:	5' 2"
Weight:	120
Build:	Medium slender
Eyes:	Gray
Hair:	Blonde (Very light brown)
Teeth:	One right front out; two left front crown broken off (result of accident)
Scars:	Two slight scars either side of bridge nose
Peculiarities:	Face had rather flattened appearance, thought round in contour.

E. C. House, Clerk, District Court, Calcasieu Parish, upon interview, produced Marriage Record Book #29, Page 488, reflecting issuance of marriage license on July 18, 1932, to Doyle Benton and Paula Harmon, and their subsequent marriage on the same date. This record reflects that Paula Harmon, 28, was born February 11, 1904; that her father is D. B. Brannon, Port Arthur, Texas; that her mother is Annie Ellis Brannon, Port Arthur, Texas; that she was married once before to Charles Harmon, deceased. The record further reflects that Doyle Benton, 28, of Port Arthur, Texas, was born January 24, 1904; that his father is J. D. Benton, Port Arthur, Texas; that his mother is Gertie Fullbright Benton, Port

Arthur, Texas; that he was twice married before, to Frankie Kileway and to Bernice Lyons, both of whom are presently living, (no addresses given). The Minister performing the ceremony was Reverend E. T. Young, a Baptist Clergyman. Mr. House advised that Reverend Young is presently located at Mooringsport, Louisiana, just above Shreveport, Louisiana.

No lead is being set out to interview the Reverend E. T. Young because Mr. House advised that Mr. Young literally solicited couples for marriage in front of the Court House and probably knew nothing about either Doyle Benton or Paula Harmon.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

Examination of files on subjects in the New Orleans Office fails to disclose any writings in which misspellings have occurred similar to those set out in second reference letter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS OFFICE: At Port Arthur, Texas, will locate and interview Doyle Benton and his parents for information of present whereabouts of Paula Harmon.

Will also interview Paula's sister-in-law, Mrs. English Brannon, 1425 Proctor Street, the latter's sister, Mrs. Jewel Caruth, and her husband, Mr. Caruth, who is employed by the Firestone Station on Proctor Street for the same purpose.

Will also locate and interview Jesse Hamilton, brother-in-law, for the same purpose.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Nathan telephoned this morning from the Bremer home in St. Paul. He stated that the only information which they had obtained from Mr. Edward G. Bremer is as follows: That on the day he was kidnaped they travelled all day and about three hours after dark, and the same amount of time when he was returned; that he was blindfolded during the entire time; that when he wrote the letters he was placed in a corner with the paper in front of him; that the trip was made in a small sedan containing three men, and on a travelled highway; that he was released at Rochester, Minnesota, and returned home by train and by bus. The ransom of \$200,000 was paid by Magee in or near St. Paul on the night of February 6th. Mr. Nathan stated that he had called the Associated Press and the United Press to request that they broadcast a notice for a small sedan containing three men.

Mr. Nathan will call back later when he can give additional information.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
Director.

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February 6, 1934.

MR. Nathan	_____
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MR. Cowley	_____
MR. Edwards	_____
MR. Egan	_____
MR. Quinn	_____
MR. Lester	_____
MR. Locke	_____
MR. Rorer	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While in conversation with Mr. Conroy he stated that Mr. Bennett, of the Ford organization, had talked with public enemy #1 in Detroit and had asked him to find out if Bremer was still alive; that this was the only question he would ask but he wanted that information because if Bremer were not alive all the state, local and Federal investigators would get on the case immediately. He stated that two or three days later public enemy #1 at Detroit returned and said "shoot the works", indicating that Bremer was not still alive.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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J. E. N.

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522 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama,
February 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 518,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul Office dated February 7, 1934, requesting that the St. Paul Office be furnished some specimens of the handwriting of Hugh Basil Banghart, I. O. #1205.

Attached hereto is a photostatic copy of a note addressed to the Express Agent at Lenoir City, Tennessee, written by Banghart, being signed L. J. Rogers, which is one of his aliases, and was found by the Birmingham Office during the course of the investigation conducted in the case entitled William Sharkey, with aliases (Deceased); Basil Hugh Banghart, with aliases, I. O. #1205; Charles G. Connors, with aliases, I. O. #1206, et al, John Factor - Victim.

During the course of the investigation in that case at Knoxville, Tennessee and vicinity, it was learned that Banghart had spent a considerable amount of time up until a few months ago in the vicinity of Knoxville, Tennessee, where he was accompanied by his gang, which included Ludwig Schmidt, Isaac and Rufus Costner, also Charles G. Connors, with aliases, I. O. #1206. On November 15, 1933, this gang committed a \$100,000. mail robbery at Charlotte, N.C., after which they shipped a trunk to Lenoir City, Tennessee, the trunk being shipped to L. J. Rogers, which was the name that Banghart also used when renting an apartment at Charlotte, N.C. In this trunk are the stocks of two machine guns, and a surveillance was maintained for several weeks at Lenoir City, awaiting the arrival of someone to claim the trunk.

Investigation revealed that Banghart, who is known as L. J. Rogers, along with Schmidt and Isaac Costner had stopped from time to time at the Rose Hill Tourist Camp, located about nineteen miles from Knoxville, and that on the night of December 14, 1933, Banghart gave the proprietor of this camp, namely E. B. Walters, the original note, of which the attached is a photostatic copy. However, Walters gave the original of this note to the sheriff at Knoxville, Tennessee, and so far as it is known, neither Banghart nor any of his crowd returned to Knoxville or Le-

Moire City, Tennessee. The package that was being held at Lenoir City awaiting claim by Banghart has been returned by the express company to Charlotte, N.C.

For the further information of the St. Paul Office in connection with this matter, it has been ascertained by the Cincinnati Office that Banghart, under the alias of L. J. Collins, on November 27, 1933 purchased from the Edwards Motor Company, Lexington, Kentucky, an Auburn Coupe, Model 8-161A, Eight Cylinder, Motor #80112, Serial #5434 H. This car has a light brown body and dark brown fenders. There were issued for the car Fayette County, Kentucky license plates (1933), No. 220,009. Isaac Coster also purchased from the same company, under the alias of J. A. Kostner, an Auburn Sedan, 12 cylinder, model 12-165, bearing motor number BB 1229 A, Serial #1077 A.

Last night the Division telephonically advised the Birmingham Office that it had been ascertained that Banghart was at Baltimore, Md. up until January 7, 1934, having been there for a month prior thereto, with his crowd, including the companions mentioned above, namely the Costner brothers and Ludwig Schmidt, along with Banghart's woman, who is Mae Blalock, alias Mae Rogers, and who is reported to be about twenty to twenty-five years of age, 5'4" in height, weight 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., dark brown hair, cream complexion, blue eyes with long eye-lashes, and also reported to be approximately five months pregnant. The Division advised that when this party departed from Baltimore they indicated they were going to Louisville, Ky. While at Baltimore, Banghart is reported to have been wearing colored green glasses, and under the name of Lawrence F. Collins on December 19, 1933 purchased 1934 Maryland license plates 77427 for the above described Auburn Coupe.

Efforts are being made to secure additional original specimens of Banghart's handwriting, and as promptly as received they will be transmitted to the St. Paul Office.

Copies of this letter are also being directed to the Cincinnati and Charlotte offices, in order that those offices might likewise transmit any specimens of Banghart's handwriting, available in their files or readily procurable in their districts, to the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Cincinnati (2)
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CC: Detroit
CC: Chicago

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1934.

MR. NATHAN.....
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MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

During the course of Mr. Nathan's telephone call at noon today he advised that he felt that the "heat" should be put on Basil Banghart since he entertained the feeling that Banghart might be involved in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

AIR MAIL

February 8, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Re: Unknown Subjects; Edward G. Bremer,
Victim. Kidnaping.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FEB 9 1934
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FILE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram of February 7, 1934, which requested the names and descriptive data of suspects in the robbery of the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan, in September, 1932, and to the telegraphic reply from this office of the same date.

Immediately upon the receipt of your telegram yesterday, Chief of Police Levens, at Holland, Michigan, was communicated with by telephone and he advised that among the suspects in this case, according to his files, in addition to Ernest Rossi and John Klutas, are the following:

Grover Comstock
Robert Schmidt, alias Frisco Dutch
Michael De Laurentis

He also advised that the Michigan State Police, at East Lansing, Michigan, probably had other suspects in the case. A wire was dispatched to the Detroit Office, requesting that they secure the names and descriptive data of the suspects in the possession of the State Police at East Lansing, Michigan, and forward them direct to the Division.

It is to be noted that one of the suspects, Michael De Laurentis, mentioned above, is the subject of File #28-4972, entitled Michael De Laurentis, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. A review of that file indicates that the bandits who held up the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, used a Studebaker Sedan which had been stolen from its owner, H. L. Rauch, at Oak Park, Illinois, on September 14, 1932. De Laurentis was arrested as a suspect by the Chicago Police and identified from photographs and personal observation by several citizens of Holland, as being the driver of the car in question at the time it was being used by the bandits at Holland, Michigan. He was charged with robbery of the bank at Holland, but the Governor of Illinois declined to extradite him to Michigan for State prosecution, because De Laurentis produced several alibi witnesses showing that he was in and around Chicago, Illinois, on the day of the robbery. He was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on November 2, 1932, for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, in connection with this car. At a removal hearing before

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United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker at Chicago, Illinois, on November 28th and 29th, 1932, De Laurentis was discharged by the Commissioner, who stated in effect that while he believed that the identifying witness was sincere in his testimony, he was not convinced of its accuracy, and that he further believed the witness to be rather loose in testifying regarding certain significant dates and circumstances. At the same time the Commissioner stated he believed the testimony of the Defendant's alibi witnesses to be credible and to be given in good faith and was not impeached. Subsequently, the United States Attorney at Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised that he would seek authority to enter a nolle prosequi in this case.

Reference is made to the telephone call of Mr. Crowley of the Division this morning, in which Mr. Crowley stated that on November 9, 1932, the following persons had been arrested in Chicago, Illinois, in possession of a quantity of bonds of the Bank of Holland, Michigan:

Ben Voupal, alias Berkson
Julius Schreiber
Ben Gross

File #29-503 in the Chicago Office discloses that United States Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, inquired of Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, by letter dated August 26, 1933, as to the circumstances of the arrest of these individuals and their subsequent release, although they had in their possession approximately \$21,000.00 worth of the listed bonds which were stolen from the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan. At that time Mr. Purvis conducted an inquiry, through the Chicago Police Department, and in substance ascertained that Berkson had sold some of the securities stolen from this bank to a firm known as Reynolds & Company, Brokers, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and that Berkson directed that the money due him be sent in the form of a check, in care of Farrell Brothers in the Board of Trade Building in Chicago. Detectives Ryan and Murphy, of the Chicago Police Department, at the request of Mr. Edward Ptacek, Manager of the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, situated themselves at the offices of Farrell Brothers and, after being there two days, were released by operatives of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, who arrested Berkson at the time he appeared at this place. At that time he was accompanied by Julius Schreiber and Ben Gross. In Schreiber's possession they found a list of bonds, which list of bonds was checked and found to be identical with those stolen from the First State Bank of Holland, Michigan. Further questioning of Berkson and Schreiber revealed nothing about the robbery of the bank. They refused to tell where they got the bonds which had been sold in Pennsylvania. Investigation disclosed that Ben Gross, also known as Harry Gross, apparently had no connection with the other two men and had just come

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along with them. Pictures of the men were sent to Holland, Michigan, but none of the witnesses of the bank robbery were able to identify them as being any of the bandits, and subsequently they were released, when a representative of the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Company advised that they did not desire to prosecute these individuals. While the report from the Police Department is not clear on the matter, it appears that these men turned over voluntarily, through their attorney, Mr. George Lavin of Chicago, \$21,000.00 worth of bonds stolen from the bank in Holland, Michigan, as well as \$6,000.00 worth of Liberty Bonds, which were registered and which were subsequently turned over to the United States Secret Service. It appears that an agreement was entered into between the attorney for these men and the representative for the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Company, whereby this company would not press prosecution if these bonds were turned over. It seems to be the general practice of the Legal Departments of insurance and bonding companies, to advise their clients to "stay out of the courts" on matters of this kind. It further appears that Mr. George Lavin, the attorney for the three men arrested and who it appears is now an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois, informed Mr. Ptacek of the insurance company, that he had some of the bonds, which would be returned. Lavin is said to have stated that he had some of these bonds and that he needed \$1500.00 to get the rest of them out of pawn. Mr. Ptacek informed Mr. Lavin that he would not put up the \$1500.00 and suggested that Schreiber's brother put up the money. It appears that this was done and the bonds were returned.

Special Agent Charles Jenkins discreetly obtained from the Identification Bureau of the Chicago Police Department, the descriptions of these individuals, set out below, together with their criminal records, as reflected by the files of the Chicago Police Department. A photograph of each of these individuals is now being prepared by the Chicago Police Department and will be ready for this office tomorrow morning. As soon as they are received additional copies will be made and forwarded to St. Paul for such value as they may have in this investigation. In the meantime this office is conducting an investigation to ascertain the present whereabouts of the above named individuals, and also making an effort to locate them and bring them into the Chicago Division Office for questioning. In addition arrangements are being made to have Mrs. Lawrence Mangano, sister of Ernest Rossi, who was recently slain, interviewed to ascertain whether she will give any information concerning the associations of Rossi which might be helpful in ascertaining the identity of those who participated in the Holland, Michigan, Bank Robbery.

The following are the descriptions of the above named individuals:

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Name - Robert S. Schmidt, alias Robert Smith, alias Robert
Rheinhardt, alias Jacob Rosenbloom, alias Harry Brown,
alias Joe Smith, alias Frisco Dutch. ✓

Age - 49 years

Height - 5 feet 7 1/2 inches

Weight - 150 pounds

Build - Medium stock

Hair - Medium chestnut

Eyes - Blue

Complexion - Fair

Scars - One cut on lower left jaw

Occupation - Unknown

Nativity - New York

No scars

Address in 1935 - 1000 1st St., New York, N.Y.

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Name - Michael De Laurentis

Age - 36 years

Height - 5 feet 8 inches

Weight - 175 lbs

Build - Slender

Complexion - Fair

Nationality - American

Nativity - New York

Marital Status - Married

Chicago Police Department #

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Name - Ben Youpel, alias Berkson

Age - 31 years

Height - 5 feet 8 inches

Weight - 175 lbs

Build - Slender

Complexion - Fair

Nationality - American

Nativity - New York

Marital Status - Married

Chicago Police Department #

Fingerprint classification -

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Address at time of arrest, 811 Claremont Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Picture included in Chicago, Illinois, Group #4455.

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Can't identify
in photo

Name - Julius Schreiber

Age - 31 years

Height - 5' 8"

Residence at time of arrest, Chicago, Illinois, 2644 Wimmera

Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Picture - Group #4455.

Name - Ben Gross, alias Harry Gross

Age - 30 years

Height - 5 feet 5 1/4 inches

Residence at time of arrest, Chicago, Illinois, I.M.C.A., West Side, Chicago, Illinois.

Can't identify
in photo

It is to be noted that there is a very limited description of the last three individuals. This is due to the fact that these men were not put through the Bureau of Identification of the Chicago Police Department in the usual manner for felons, but were merely photographed in a group.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

WAS/EMW
CC St. Paul
CC Detroit

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FEBRUARY 12, 1934

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M H PURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

REGARDING YOUR LETTER FEBRUARY EIGHT HOLLAND MICHIGAN SUSPECTS UNABLE
IDENTIFY BEN YOUNG JULIUS SCHREIBER BEN CROSS SUBMIT COPIES OF FINGERPRINTS

HOOVER

678 ✓ E.H. JOHNS
WESTERN UNION

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 3, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576
Kidnaping.

Specimens: 16 anonymous, crank and information letters pertaining to the instant case; envelope addressed to Mr. A. Bremer, postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., 1-25-34, 9:30 PM, note beginning "If you were sincere in your statement"; envelope addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, postmarked St. Paul, Minn., 1-20-34, note beginning "Do not pay Ransom Money", letter and envelope written on stationery bearing heading C.E. McCracken, etc., the letter being signed by C.E. McCracken, envelope addressed with clippings from paper, postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Examination requested by: 1-23-34.

St. Paul Office.

Date received: January 27 and 29, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting, General, and Fingerprint.

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Result of examination:

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Examination by: C.A. Apper

None of the handwriting compares with that of Bremer or any of the other notes or letters, anonymous or otherwise, in this case. They were also compared with the anonymous letters sent to Judge Vaught from St. Paul and other places but no similarities were observed. It will be remembered that in the Urschel Case a threatening letter to Judge Vaught was tentatively identified with an anonymous communication to Factor. Of all of these letters, the one which appears most interesting from an investigative standpoint is that forwarded from Blairstown, New Jersey. This at first appears to be the work of an insane person. It contains a drawing and the words are difficult to read. They appear to be written with a modified German or European script, the spelling, however, being phonetic and according to a dialect of the writer. This may be Pennsylvania Dutch or some local colloquial language variation.

It is possible to read most of the message by assuming these things to be true, thus the letter is addressed "Mr. Searching Detective" and states "I give information". It appears to state that five men, kidnapers or kidnaped "good friend Mr. Bremer done him". On the left hand side of the sheet is a drawing of a house with a man and a woman in it. Under it is the label, "Two old people". Opposite to this are the words "one son" and between this house and a drawing of a road is a cylindrical drawing with a circle at each end. Over this is written "Bremer" and under it what appears to be "here". There are some words which have not been deciphered. After this is written "Search (not translated) look good the village --- 3 Freestt blocks and 3 small front" (apparently referring to houses). The word "village" is repeated and also "town" is written.

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L. C. Apper
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There is a post opposite to a bend in the road. Opposite to the drawing of the house and the cylindrical object and in the road there is another drawing labelled "cars". In the middle of this letter there is a reference to 25 cents, ten cents, two entries of five cents, and one of three cents, the dates being December 25, January 10 and 5. The significance of these is not understood, probably because the word "drim" or "drive" is not clear. At the bottom there is further writing which appears to state that one of the men is a cousin of Becker or a banker, and he is not the kidnaper. On the other hand the son of the old people appears to be referred to as the kidnaper. The admonition is given "search good in front (?) 3 dess B. (Bremer?)."

Of course the above appears to be an ordinary hoax or nut letter and this interpretation is simply given for what it is worth, particularly for the reason that the handwriting contains similarities to the handwriting in the Lindbergh extortion letters. The advisability of sending an agent to Blairstown, New Jersey, should be considered.

The letter addressed to Adolph Bremer, postmarked Minneapolis, January 25, beginning "If you were sincere in your statement", was examined. The handwriting is not similar to that of the victim or other handwriting in the case.

The handwriting in the letter postmarked St. Paul, January 20, beginning "Do not pay Ransom Money" is not similar to the other handwriting in the case. The letter of C. E. McCracken was written with a Noiseless typewriter equipped with Pica type and is not similar to the Bremer extortion letters. The letter addressed with clippings from a paper, postmarked Minneapolis, January 23, appears to have no significance.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN APLE TILE TO PERMIT THE TRANSMITTAL.

3 - Director ✓
2 - St. Paul.
2 - Laboratory.

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SFO:CSH

7-576-202

February 8, 1934

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FEB 10 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim,
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

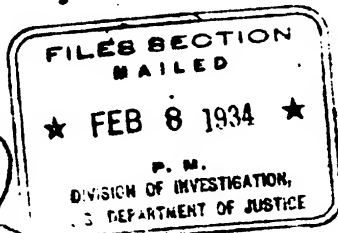
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division on January 27th and 29th, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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February 2, 1934.

Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

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envelope addressed with clippings from paper, postmarked Minneapolis, Minn.,
1-25-34.

St. Paul Office.

January 27 and 28, 1934.

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Handwriting, General, and Fingerprint.

C.A. Appel.

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If course the above appears to be an ordinary hoax or art letter and a interpretation is simply given for what it is worth, particularly for the fact that the handwriting contains similarities to the handwriting in the above extortion letters. The advisability of sending an agent to Milwaukee, Jersey, should be considered.

The letter addressed to Adolph Bremer, postmarked Minneapolis, January 6, beginning "If you were sincere in your statement", was examined. The handwriting is not similar to that of the victim or other handwriting in the case.

The handwriting in the letter postmarked St. Paul, January 20, beginning "Do not pay ransom money" is not similar to the other handwriting in the case. The letter of C. R. Erickson was written with a mechanical typewriter equipped with line type and is not similar to the Bremer extortion letters. The letter addressed with clippings from a paper, postmarked Minneapolis, January 20, appears to have no significance.

THE ORIGINAL EXTORTION LETTER WAS SUBMITTED TO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATION WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED. SHOULD THE OFFICE REQUIRE THE ORIGINAL EXTORTION LETTER FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATION WHICH MAY DEVELOP, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED BY AIRMAIL TO PERMIT THE TRANSMITTAL.

2 - Director.
2 - St. Paul.
2 - Laboratory.

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February 9, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

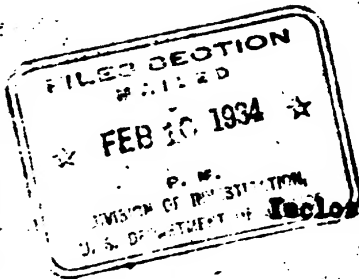
I thought that you would be interested in receiving a copy of the bulletin prepared by the Division reflecting the numbers appearing on the bills paid as ransom in the Edward G. Bremer case pending at St. Paul. Several thousand copies of these bulletins are being forwarded to the St. Paul Office of the Division on this date in order that they might be distributed immediately to all banks, both national and state, located in that district.

Arrangements have already been made to forward to all field offices of the Division sufficient copies in order that similar action might be taken in every state in the Union. I have also planned to distribute these bulletins to all law enforcement officials throughout the country with the hope that the ransom money will be detected at the time efforts are being made to place it in circulation.

Respectfully,

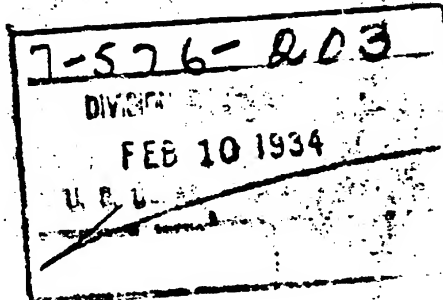
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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January 9, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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P. M. Inclosure 663309
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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February 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

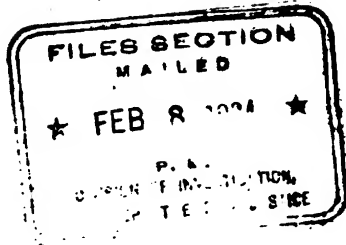
Colonel Gates telephoned to inquire what statement he could give to press representatives concerning the return of Mr. Bremer. I told him that we could make no statement whatever.

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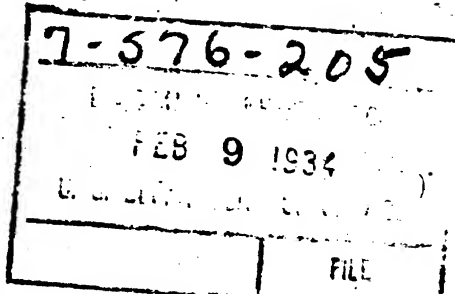
Mr. Rex Collier of the Washington Evening Star telephoned this office to inquire if he could be furnished with pictures of Mr. Harold Nathan and Mr. Werner Hanni in connection with a story being prepared on the Bremer case. He was advised that no photographs are available.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

February 8
1934

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Room 401, Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
ONE	FILE

Supplementing my letter of January 23, 1934, setting
the results of an interview had with Mrs. Catherine Kelly, wife of
[Machine Gun] Kelly, at Milan, Michigan, please be advised that I
had a long talk with her last night in an effort to secure further
information.

It will be noted in my letter of January 23 that EDWARD
BREMER, alias BULL, who is the Subject of our Identification Order No. 1214,
dated January 24, 1934, is mentioned as a good suspect in this case. It
will be noted that he had knowledge of the kidnaping of Charles Urschel
prior to that abduction and was to take part in same with Kelly and Yates,
but because of his failure to arrive in Texas at a designated time the offense
was committed without him. It will be further noted that when plans were
made for the kidnaping of Urschel that Larus had advanced the sug-
gestion of keeping Urschel in the home of a crippled man in Aurora, Illinois.
I believe is a significant point in showing the distance which Larus
traveled as victim.

Mrs. Kelly now informs me that both she and her husband
knew Larus for a number of years; that he has visited them in Texas
on occasions and that both she and Kelly spent a good deal of time
in Chicago and St. Paul; that between two and three years
ago he had proceeded to Chicago where ostensibly he was
engaged in enterprises; that he was gone for a considerable
time when she received communication from him instructing
her to meet him in Kansas City, Missouri, and that she would be met at the
station. She states that he requested her to use an airplane but
she used the train and proceeded in that way; that upon
arriving in Kansas City she was met at the station by Kelly and Eddie
and that of the above referred to Identification Order, and that

all three proceeded from the station to the Phillips Hotel which is near the Kuhlback Hotel; that Kelly registered as R. G. Shannon and wife, and she believes that Larue registered as L. E. Lang or Fern.

Kelly then told her for the first time that he and Larue had kidnaped a Mr. WOOLVERTON, a wealthy manufacturer in South Bend, Indiana; that Woolverton was picked off the street by Larue one evening when accompanied by the Studebaker family, returning from some social engagement; that Kelly was driving a black Chrysler four-door sedan and that Woolverton was placed in this car and taken to a purported farmhouse between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois, which house was occupied by a brother of Eddie Larue; that Woolverton was kept in the basement of this house for a period of two or three days. She states that Kelly told her that no ransom was paid for the release of Woolverton but that he was unexpectedly released one day when it was learned by Larue and Kelly that authorities were making a very careful search of houses in the vicinity. She states that Kelly informed her that Woolverton was released at a point near the city limits of Chicago and given ten dollars for transportation to his home.

She further stated that Kelly and Larue became engaged in an altercation over an amount of \$400 to be paid to Larue's brother for his part in furnishing the basement of his house; that while Woolverton was being held, Larue's brother's wife and, Mrs. Kelly believes, four children, were kept in Chicago.

She stated that some time later while she and Larue and her husband George were talking concerning various matters, that she mentioned the Woolverton kidnaping and that Larue became very indignant at George Kelly because he had made statements regarding that affair to his wife. She was present when this altercation took place. She further states that upon being met at the Kansas City station by Kelly and Larue she inquired as to why they had not instructed her to proceed to Chicago and Larue then remarked that it was necessary for them to leave that city in a hurry.

It is Mrs. Kelly's belief that the trio registered at the Phillips Hotel in Kansas City about the day following the release of Woolverton. She stated that Kelly was closely associated with Larue and that Larue and Kelly took part in several bank robberies.

As information had indirectly reached this office to the effect that Bremer had been held at or near Sioux City, Iowa, Mrs. Kelly was asked if she knew of any connection that Larue might have in that city. She replied that about September 1932 while she and George Kelly were residing in an apartment house at 6000 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, under the name of R. G. Shannon and wife, a Western

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Union telegram was received directed to George Kelly from Eddie Larue signed "Ed"; that this telegram was sent from Sioux City, Iowa, and requested money. She recalls this incident very clearly because of the fact that both she and Kelly were living in New Orleans under the name of Shannon, which was known to Larue, but still he sent the wire under the name of Kelly, which irked George Kelly considerably, and that under ordinary circumstances her husband would never have received the wire if it had not been for the fact that she noticed the Western Union boy approaching the front door and he made inquiry of her as to whether or not he could find George Kelly here; that she informed him George Kelly was visiting her and that she would take the telegram. On another occasion when Larue was visiting the Kellys in Texas he was going to make a trip to St. Paul and requested Mrs. Kelly to furnish him with a schedule of airplane travel to that city. She determined that one line would take him through Sioux City, Iowa, where there was a stopover of one hour and a half. He then informed her that he could not take that line as he had an ex-wife living in Sioux City and did not want to be seen there.

In this connection it will be noted in the Identification Order that the home of Larue alias Doll is believed to be Burlington, Iowa. Also it is noted that he has two brothers, Fred Doll and Harry Doll, residing in Chicago. Mrs. Kelly does not know the name of the brother who occupied the house between Joliet and Chicago where Woolverton was kept, nor does she know where the house is located as she never visited the place.

It occurs to me that perhaps one of the two brothers listed above is the person who occupied the house in question and now probably has moved to Chicago, or perhaps Larue has another brother whose name is not shown on the Identification Order.

Larue told Mrs. Kelly that he had been married nine times. In this respect Mrs. Kelly advised that just following the Blue Ridge, Texas, bank robbery, about two years ago, in which robbery Larue, Kelly, Bates and Bailey were involved, a Miss DORIS BARTON appeared in Texas with Larue and visited the Kellys, and that directly from Fort Worth, Texas, this Doris Barton and Larue proceeded by airplane to the State of Maine, where the parents of Doris Barton are alleged to reside and where they are thought to operate a tourist camp. She states that they informed her they were going to Maine to be married. She further informs me that Larue had been acquainted with Doris Barton for a considerable period and that Doris Barton formerly resided in an apartment in either the 5000, 5100 or 5200 block on Sheridan Road, Chicago, which apartment was located either on the 4th or 5th floor; that she, Catherine Kelly, visited Doris Barton in this apartment several times. She stated that the address of this apartment was on an illuminated sign outside and she believes it to be 5240.

She states that Larue frequently remarked to her and to George Kelly that he was never going to give out the name of the town where his wife's folks reside, calling it "his Paradise," stating that it was a fine place to hide out. She believes however that evidently the address has been furnished by Larue to Frank Hayes, the proprietor of the HAYES MOTEL, which is believed to be 737 South State Street, Chicago, as Hayes is the contact man for this outfit. In this connection reference is had to my communication dated January 23, 1934.

She describes Doris Barton, who is well known to her,

54 years old
Small build
Decided platinum blond.

She states that Larue is a close associate of TOM BANKS of St. Paul, advising that frequently her husband, George Kelly, would locate Larue through Banks.

She also advised that following the visit to Cleveland, Ohio, on June 4, 1933, when George Kelly and she purchased the 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, they proceeded to Chicago and there met Larue and his wife. Mrs. Kelly believes this was between June 5 and 9; that Larue's wife had her eight year old nephew along and that they were registered at the Stevens Hotel, where Larue, his wife and the nephew had a suite of rooms costing \$17 a day. She stated that she knows positively that Larue, his wife and nephew departed from Chicago directly for Maine. Although Larue is fond of airplanes it is very possible that on this occasion train transportation was used, and it is believed that perhaps tickets might have been secured through the porter at the Stevens Hotel. Through this source the name of the city in Maine where the trio went might be determined.

She also advised that it is known to her that Larue frequently stopped at the Harrison Hotel, Chicago, near the Stevens and Company on Michigan Avenue, and that he stored his golf clubs in this hotel for a long time. It is Mrs. Kelly's belief that he probably lived there under either the name of Lang or Fern.

She also advised that he is very fond of a brown CHOW dog which he owns and frequently was seen out walking with this dog, which dog is very closely attached to Larue.

Mrs. Kelly states that on one or two occasions they ate dinners with Larue in restaurants in AURORA, Illinois, in which city

she believes he is well acquainted. Along this line she further states that Larue told her several times that he had a sweetheart in the Women's Reformatory at ALDERSON, who was serving a sentence on a violation of the National Prohibition Act; that this girl's home was in Aurora, and he frequently remarked that he would marry this girl when she was released from the penitentiary, indicating that he would desert Doris Barton. Mrs. Kelly does not know the name of the Sweetheart in Alderson, who she thinks was scheduled to be released about October 1933. This fact is mentioned in the event there is any indication that a woman might be involved in the Bremer kidnaping.

She stated that she had often heard Larue remark that he did not care much about robbing banks in view of the danger involved and that in the future his racket was going to be kidnaping, where there was more money involved, with less danger to himself. He also frequently indicated that he would demand \$200,000 ransom, and in discussing kidnapings with George Kelly on several occasions Larue stated that a victim should be kept at least two weeks. Also he stated that the victim should be transported a considerable distance. In this connection he was comparing the distance traveled by the gang when robbing a bank, and stated that the same distance should be taken into consideration on a kidnaping, and indicated that he would run a kidnap victim as far as 600 miles if necessary. He also during his talks with George and Catherine Kelly stated that in perfecting a scheme to collect ransom without exposing himself he had arrived at the conclusion that he would never let the person paying the ransom deliver it to a designated spot. In this regard he had in mind the way the ransom was paid to Kelly and Bates in the Urschel case, further stating that he would instruct the person to drive on a somewhat deserted highway several miles from his home and at a rate of 15 or 20 miles an hour and that he would instruct him to drive up and down the road in a place where he would be able to observe all activities, and when he felt certain that no authorities or any other person were accompanying the individual with the ransom money, that person would either be approached on the road or he would be instructed to throw the money off to one side.

It occurs to me that a similar method was used in turning over the ransom money in the HAMM kidnaping case in St. Paul.

Mrs. Kelly also informed me that Larue always seems to drive CHEVROLET automobiles; that the last cars he had which she knew of were a red convertible Chevrolet coupe and a blue four door Chevrolet sedan. She stated that his wife Doris Barton usually drove the coupe. She also stated that she had observed Larue using her typewriter at El Paso, Texas, when he visited their home. She stated that with difficulty he could in a slight way operate the typewriter.

She further stated that Larue, who is a shrewd individual but not well educated, makes several mistakes in his spelling and that she and her husband George Kelly frequently had big laughs over the spelling contained in some of his letters to them. She stated that they often jokingly remarked to him that evidently because of his misspelling he never used an alias containing several letters. She stated that the aliases used by Larue were usually very short names and easily spelled. In this connection it is interesting to note that there are several misspelled words in the original ransom note received by the Bremer family, as indicated in the letter from the St. Paul office dated January 28, 1934. The misspelled words were exhibited to Mrs. Kelly to determine if any of them registered with her as being words frequently used by Larue, and if the spelling in same would be similar to his.

Upon carefully going over these words she advised that the word "consecutive" (which it will be noted was spelled "consegutive" in the ransom note) was frequently used by Larue. She does not recall his spelling of this word. The other words did not mean much to Mrs. Kelly, but she stated that from her knowledge of Larue she felt that he would not be able to spell them correctly.

However she also advanced the theory that frequently in writing kidnap notes the perpetrator purposely misspells several words.

It occurred to me that perhaps if letters or telegrams sent by Larue could be secured, several misspellings might be observed, and in this connection Mrs. Kelly stated that they received many telegrams and letters from Larue, but that the only one which she might assist in finding would be the telegram which was sent from Sioux City, Iowa, to New Orleans, Louisiana; that the date could be determined through inquiry at the apartment house at 8000 St. Charles Avenue where they lived for a short time, and the records of the Western Union at New Orleans searched for that period. She has no idea of the dates telegrams were received and does not know where any old letters from Larue might be found.

Information also reached this office indirectly to the effect that one FRED BARKER was suspected in the Bremer kidnaping. This name was given to Catherine Kelly and she stated that she had a faint recollection of hearing George Kelly talk to Tom Banks about a Fred Barker but that she had never met such an individual.

With regard to the GETAWAY CHART found following the robbery of the Holland State Bank, Holland, Michigan, September 29, 1932, Mrs. Kelly advised upon viewing a copy of same that ED and TED BENTZ, who were very closely associated with Larue and Kelly, frequently wrote similar charts, as did Kelly, Bailey and others. She further advised that she

recalls that her husband Kelly, LEE TURNER, who is a product of St. Louis but who has spent a good deal of time in Chicago and has been arrested once or twice under that name in Chicago, and one "RED HOMER", originally proceeded to Holland, Michigan, to look over the bank for the purpose of robbing same; that when they returned to Chicago Kelly reported that it was too dangerous a job and that he abandoned the thought of same. Later however the bank was robbed and Mrs. Kelly believes that Lee Turner, Homer, perhaps Ed and Ted Bents and perhaps Larue took part in the robbery. However, she has no direct information with regard to same. This is merely her suspicion and she makes that point very clear.

She states that Lee Turner, mentioned above, who is a very small man,

About 5 feet 5 inches
Weight about 125 pounds
Probably about 30 years old,

is a very close associate of Eddie Larue, and that he might be involved with Larue in the instant kidnaping case. It is her thought that Turner, who does not know very well, is acquainted in and around the Twin Cities.

She states that this man Homer, who usually was found loitering around The Island at BURNHAM, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, is

Very heavy set man
About 5 feet 8 inches
Weighing about 220 pounds
Between 40 and 45 years of age
Talks in low tenor;

and that he is also a very close friend of Larue.

Ed and Ted Bents, who are mentioned in the Urechel kidnaping file, are also close friends of Turner, Larue and other members of the gang. The Bentses, it will be noted, are bank robbers.

She stated that Homer usually drives a Cadillac four-door sedan, and that it is her thought that he has a wife and a baby about four years of age residing in Burnham. She does not know if Homer is his last name.

She further stated that about two years ago while she and her husband, George Kelly, were in St. Paul, Kelly, Bailey, KEATING, HOLDEN, VERN MILLER and one DUTCH WEINER robbed a bank at Ottumwa, Iowa. She stated that she observed this gang when they pulled away from the hotel

just prior to the robbery; that she read about the robbery in the paper the following day, and upon the return of Kelly he informed her regarding the affair.

In this connection it may be stated that upon communicating with Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni today at St. Paul, he informed me that one of the suspects in the Bremer case is alleged to be a short person, probably around 5 feet 5 inches. From the above it will be noted that Lee Turner is about that height, also Dutch Weiner, mentioned above, as being involved in the bank robbery in Iowa, and who operates a gambling table in The Boulevard and The Plantation in St. Paul, is about 5 feet 5 inches tall, and she states that Kelly has frequently informed her that he is very tough. This individual Mrs. Kelly believed is also well known to Larue and should be taken into consideration as a suspect in the Bremer Case. He is also well acquainted with Tom Banks and JACK PFLEFFER.

Mrs. Kelly was unable to advance any information as to what particular typewriter was used in preparing the getaway chart in the Holland bank robbery, this being the first time that she knew that such a chart existed. She stated that the different members of the gang, including her husband, had often mentioned the fact that a special keyboard could be secured so that authorities would be unable to trace the writer of ransom notes, but she never heard of any unusual typewriter being used to prepare charts or ransom notes in kidnaping.

She described Eddie Larue, whom she knows very well,
as follows:

About 6 feet
Quite slender
Very good looking
Weight between 150 and 160
Brown hair
Wears glasses, not tortoise shell
Very neat dresser
Always smiling

She further states that his teeth are in bad condition and he frequently visits dentists.

Mrs. Kelly further informed me in regard to Frank Hayes of the Hayes Hotel mentioned in this communication that following the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, George Bates sent \$2700 of the ransom money to Hayes, that sum representing an amount loaned to Bates by Hayes. She stated that Bates in his communication transmitting the money informed Hayes

that it was hot and that Hayes evidently knew that it was the Breschel ransom money. In this respect she states that Hayes has the confidence of the gang so well established that they discuss kidnaping and other matters with him prior to the offense. She states that Hayes has also carried Larus along with cash on several occasions. It seems that when any member of the gang runs short of money, Hayes will help him along. She states that she is positive that Hayes will never reveal any information about the gang; that it has often been said that he would die before giving any information. Perhaps he could be reached under a pretext of some sort.

She further advised that Larus had frequently stated that after he gets away with the big kidnaping he is going to embark for South America; that he very often reads books concerning that portion of the continent.

With regard to the \$2700 ransom money sent to Frank Hayes, Mrs. Kelly states that she was present when her husband George and Bates became engaged in an altercation because Kelly did not approve of Bates forwarding this money to Chicago. She also states that Frank Hayes has an unlisted telephone in his home, residence address unknown.

I feel very confident that Mrs. Kelly is very honest in the information which she has furnished, as there absolutely was no indication to think otherwise.

The substance of the above was telephonically communicated to Special Agent in Charge Hannai at St. Paul, and also to Mr. Clegg at Washington. The Chicago office was also requested to immediately contact the Woolverton family at South Bend, Indiana, and without divulging the names of Kelly or Larus ascertain if any ransom notes were received while Mr. Woolverton was held a victim, and if so, to immediately communicate with the St. Paul office for the purpose of comparing same with the note received in the Bremer matter. Also it was suggested that the photograph of Lee Turner with description be secured from the Chicago police and forwarded to St. Paul. In this respect the fingerprints should also be secured in comparing same with the fingerprints which may later develop in the spot where Bremer was held.

It was also suggested to the St. Paul office that steps be taken to have George Kelly at Leavenworth interviewed in an attempt to determine the exact location of the house between Chicago and Joliet, Illinois, where Woolverton was held, it being noted that he was kept in the basement of that house. It is also suggested that the Chicago office through the Stevens Hotel where Larus stayed during June 1932, and through the Harrison Hotel, and if possible, through Frank Hayes, determine the whereabouts of Larus, who perhaps is now hiding in the state of Maine.

Special Agent in Charge Hamel informed me that Mr. Bremer had been held in a basement and for this reason it appears significant to secure the location of the house between Chicago and Joliet for the purpose of determining if Bremer possibly could have been held there.

At the present time inquiries are being made of the Michigan State Police and all authorities at Holland, Michigan, to secure the names of the suspects in the Holland Bank robbery with a view to determining if any of these suspects might possibly have been involved in the Bremer kidnaping. In this connection it is suggested that when George Kelly is interviewed at the penitentiary at Leavenworth, that such information as he might give concerning the Holland Bank robbery be secured. It will be noted in the body of this letter that he made a survey of this bank prior to the robbery and undoubtedly has a very good idea who committed the actual offense.

Very truly yours,

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